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OBSERVATIONS

(Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, DCF had 26,176 open cases (1,836 adoption cases and 24,340 clinical cases). A total of 87,176 consumers¹ (41,446 adults and 45,730 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,288 in the Boston Region to 5,417 in the Southeastern Region. (**Table 1** on page 7)
- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, consumer counts increased 5% and case counts rose 4%. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. (**Figs. 1 and 2** on page 8, **Figs. 20 and 21** on page 55)
- The DCF caseload continues to increase (87,176). It has surpassed the peak level of 81,975 consumers recorded in 1991 (see table below). Counts of adults 18 years and older and children 18 years and older in placement were higher at the end of the 4th Quarter of 2008 than in 1991 (41,446 vs. 34,053 adults and 1,624 vs. 874 young adults in placement). There were 7,393 more adults in 2008 than in 1991 and 2,192 more children in 1991 than in 2008. In each successive quarter of 2008, the difference in children from 1991 to 2008 is becoming smaller as the population of children not in placement grows. The population of adults also continues to increase. Note: The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302, see below).

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,872
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	6/1999	69,494	39,144	10,134
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	6/2000	72,423	40,691	9,676
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,955
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	6/2002	70,688	38,442	10,033
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	6/2003	75,247	40,341	10,233
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	6/2004	77,368*	42,023*	9,967*
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	6/2005	77,305*	41,773*	9,709*
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	6/2006	78,014*	41,690*	9,459*
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	6/2007	78,535*	41,550*	9,109*
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	3/2008	82,713	43,409	9,233
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,281

Source: ASSIST 6/1983-1/1998 and FamilyNet 9/1998-6/2008

* revised counts

¹ Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation.

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,905 individuals in placement on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2008. Included in this count are 9,281 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,624 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1**)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 19% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 15% in the Central Region, 13% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- Statewide, 20% (or 9,281) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 21% in the West, 21% in Metro, 20% in the Southeast, 20% in Central, 19% in the Northeast, and 19% in Boston. (**Table 2** on page 9)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Greenfield, Coastal, and Fall River Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Plymouth, Harbor, and Lawrence Area Offices. (**Table 2**)
- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, the number of children in placement rose 1% statewide. Regional changes ranged from -3% in Boston to 3% in both the Southeast and Central. In the past, increases in quarterly counts of children in placement have occurred in all quarters, but most often in the 2nd and 3rd quarters (spanning the winter months). (**Fig. 3** on page 10)

Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, there were 36,449 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement. From the 3rd to the 4th quarter, counts of children not in placement increased 7% statewide. Regional increases ranged from 3% in Central to 9% in both the Northeast and Boston. Quarterly counts of children not in placement display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). (**Fig. 4** on page 10)

Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, the consumer population included 45,730 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 41,446 (48%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-two percent of all consumers were identified as female, 47% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-seven percent (16,724) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Table 1, Fig. 5** on page 11)

- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 57% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 5**)
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 55% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, 2% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Native American consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 15% of consumers. Selection of “Unable to Determine” for race often coincides with self-identification as Hispanic/Latino. Race was not recorded for 10% of consumers. (**Table 3A** on page 12, **Figs. 6A and 6B** on page 13)
- Of the total consumer population, 24% (21,311 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions (and numbers) of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. Hispanic origin could not be determined for 4% of DCF consumers. Hispanic origin was not recorded for 14% of DCF consumers. (**Table 3B** on page 12, **Figs. 6C and 6D** on page 14)
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 46% Black and 21% White consumers (5,082 and 2,354 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (941 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (**Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B**)

- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the Table A. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded. Additionally, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

Table A.		Children Less than 18 Years Old							
Race	State Census ² 2000	DCF Not in Substitute Care 6/30/08	DCF All in Substitute Care* 6/30/08	DCF Foster Care 6/30/08	DCF Congregate Care** 6/30/08	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 6/30/08	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 6/30/08	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2007	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2007
White	79%	56%	59%	59%	62%	61%	61%	61%	58%
Black	7%	17%	19%	18%	20%	16%	19%	13%	25%
Asian	4%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	----	<1%	<1%
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	5%	6%	3%	7%	4%	8%	4%
Other/Unknown	6%	21%	15%	15%	14%	14%	14%	17%	11%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	36,449	9,281	6,864	1,908	2,452	563	790	521
Hispanic Origin ³ Yes	11%	30%	25%	25%	24%	24%	26%	27%	20%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	62%	69%	69%	72%	68%	69%	64%	75%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	8%	5%	6%	4%	8%	5%	8%	5%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies. Despite placement with other state agencies, DCF retains custody of the child. **Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

- Table B on the following page displays the racial (and Hispanic origin) composition of children residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Boston, Springfield, and to a lesser degree, Brockton and Cambridge. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Springfield, and they are a notable presence in Lynn, Worcester, Boston, and Lowell. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Lowell and Quincy.

² U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary, File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

³ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Table B. Census 2000: Children less than 18 Years old residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts⁴

Race	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Lynn	Brockton	New Bedford	Fall River	Cambridge	Quincy	Newton
White	32%	65%	41%	56%	54%	48%	70%	84%	52%	72%	85%
Black	40%	10%	26%	5%	14%	24%	6%	5%	24%	3%	2%
Asian	7%	6%	2%	23%	10%	3%	1%	4%	9%	21%	9%
Native American	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%
Multi-Racial	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	12%	9%	4%	9%	3%	3%
Other/Unknown	14%	12%	24%	9%	14%	14%	14%	3%	6%	1%	1%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	116,559	40,727	44,027	28,341	24,051	26,254	23,327	22,179	13,447	15,381	17,811
Hispanic Origin ⁵ Yes	24%	26%	40%	21%	27%	12%	17%	7%	13%	3%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

⁴ Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

⁵ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Preferred Language of Consumers

- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 7% (1,301 consumers), 8% (1,259), and 9% (987), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 349 DCF consumers (<1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). (**Table 4** on page 15)
- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred /primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table below)

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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Jun. 2008 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	78,979	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	5,189	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	349	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	318	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	258	106%	-28%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	172	87%	-39%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	204	42%	-41%
Chinese	71	61	54	74	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	40	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	46	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,547	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	87,176	14%	5%

* When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	376	285	282	224	345	166	157	1	1,836
Clinical	4,865	3,487	4,257	3,484	5,072	3,122	6	47	24,340
Total	5,241	3,772	4,539	3,708	5,417	3,288	163	48	26,176
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	263	174	357	218	309	236	---	29	1,586
Other ⁽⁶⁾	2	4	4	3	---	13	---	---	26
On the Run	2	1	1	1	2	5	---	---	12
Total in Placement	267	179	362	222	311	254	---	29	1,624
Not in Placement	8,128	5,964	6,542	5,600	8,603	4,975	---	10	39,822
Total Adults	8,395	6,143	6,904	5,822	8,914	5,229	---	39	41,446
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,877	1,363	1,414	1,166	1,706	980	250	16	8,772
Other ⁽⁶⁾	50	34	57	29	46	37	1	---	253
On the Run	77	17	43	23	40	56	---	---	256
Total in Placement	2,004	1,414	1,514	1,218	1,792	1,073	251	16	9,281
Not in Placement	7,574	5,535	6,569	4,712	7,335	4,708	13	3	36,449
Total Children	9,578	6,949	8,083	5,930	9,126	5,781	264	19	45,730
Total	17,973	13,092	14,987	11,752	18,040	11,010	264	58	87,176

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

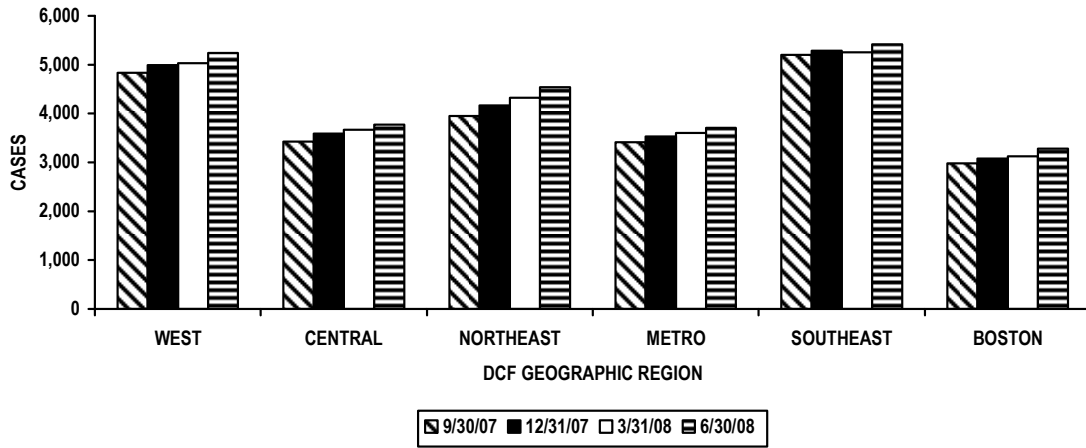
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DCF. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**

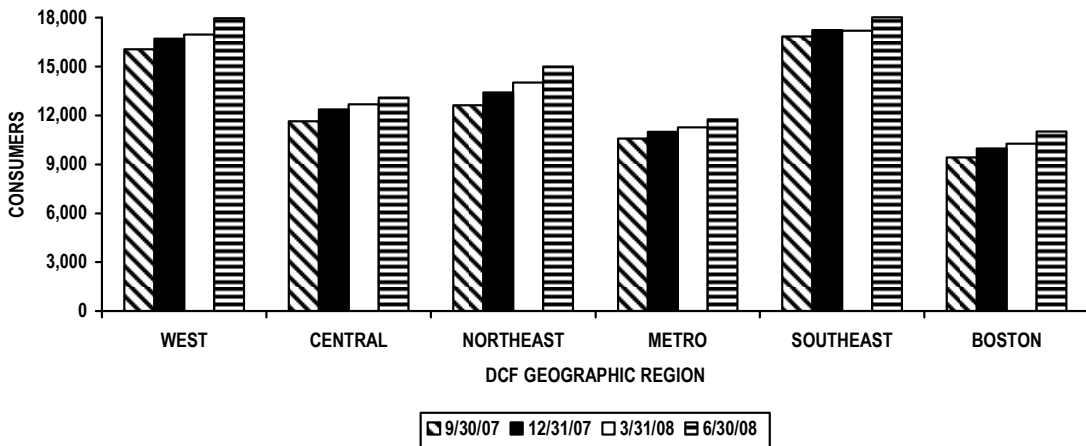
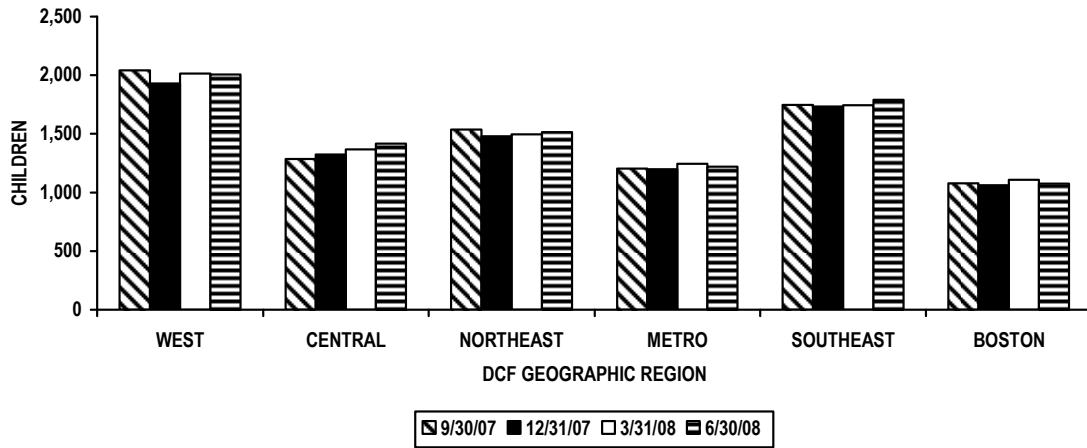


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF: FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER 6/30/08)

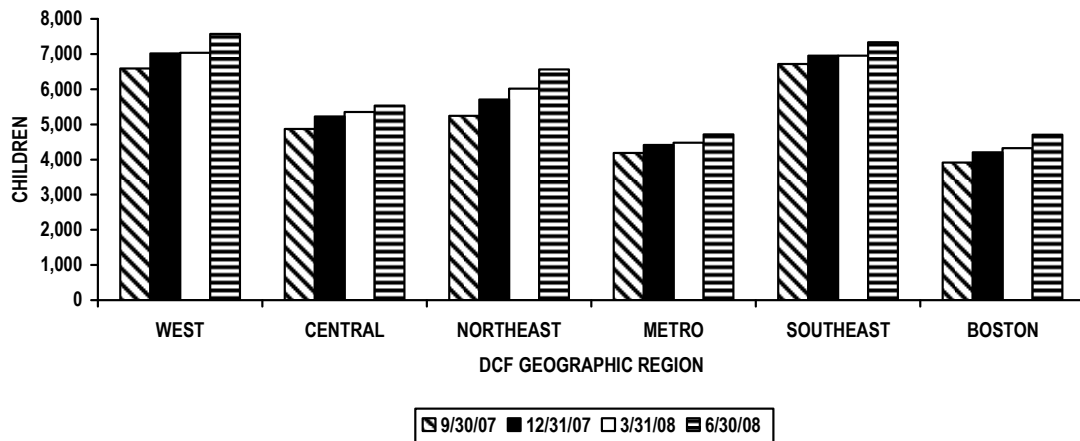
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	938	339	1,277	27%
Holyoke	1,605	409	2,014	20%
Pittsfield	986	395	1,381	29%
Robert Van Wart	2,162	367	2,529	15%
Springfield	1,871	490	2,361	21%
Contracted Agencies	12	4	12	---
Western	7,574	2,004	9,578	21%
North Central	1,623	388	2,011	19%
South Central	1,235	310	1,545	20%
Worcester East	1,430	393	1,823	22%
Worcester West	1,241	318	1,559	20%
Contracted Agencies	6	5	11	45%
Central	5,535	1,414	6,949	20%
Cape Ann	951	241	1,192	20%
Haverhill	953	249	1,202	21%
Lawrence	1,602	331	1,933	17%
Lowell	1,830	397	2,227	18%
Lynn	1,229	296	1,525	19%
Contracted Agencies	4	---	4	---
Northeast	6,569	1,514	8,083	19%
Arlington	943	237	1,180	20%
Cambridge	714	170	884	19%
Coastal	893	290	1,183	25%
Framingham	928	232	1,160	20%
Malden	1,227	283	1,510	19%
Contracted Agencies	7	6	13	46%
Metro	4,712	1,218	5,930	21%
Attleboro	974	224	1,198	19%
Brockton	1,374	344	1,718	20%
Cape Cod	970	219	1,189	18%
Fall River	1,221	376	1,597	24%
New Bedford	1,611	422	2,033	21%
Plymouth	1,173	201	1,374	15%
Contracted Agencies	12	5	17	29%
Southeast	7,335	1,791	9,126	20%
Dimock St.	967	215	1,182	18%
Harbor	1,271	249	1,520	16%
Hyde Park	863	264	1,127	23%
Park St.	1,607	343	1,950	18%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	100%
Boston	4,708	1,073	5,781	19%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	13	251	264	95%
Other ⁽³⁾	3	16	19	84%
Total	36,449	9,281	45,730	20%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

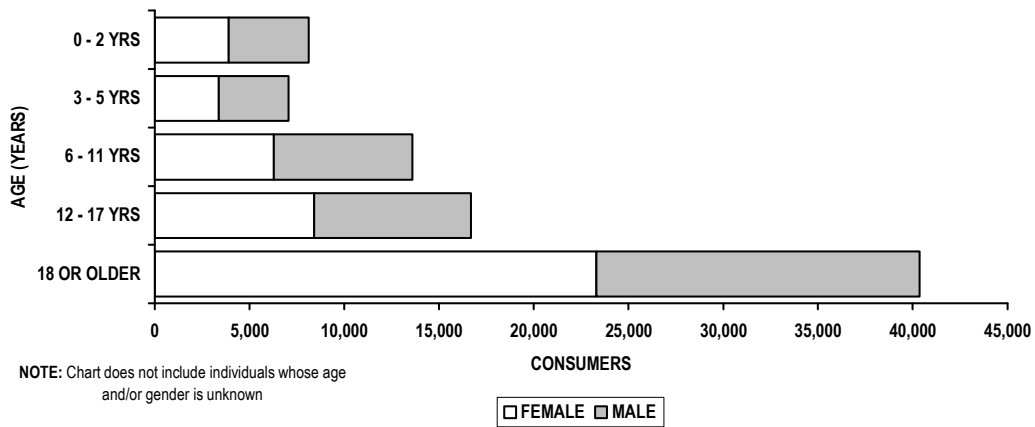
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	3,985	4,224	36	8,245
3 - 5	3,370	3,690	30	7,090
6 - 11	6,290	7,310	53	13,653
12 - 17	8,414	8,272	38	16,724
18 or older	23,301	17,054	599	40,954
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	87	234	189	510
Total	45,447	40,784	945	87,176

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 492 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 18 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 945 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)

Race	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	10,151	56%	8,390	64%	8,373	56%	7,016	60%	11,458	64%	2,354	21%	119	45%	6	10%	47,867	55%
Black	1,899	11%	1,134	9%	1,115	7%	1,827	16%	2,529	14%	5,082	46%	52	20%	41	71%	13,679	16%
Asian	79	*	139	1%	941	6%	291	2%	128	1%	304	3%	9	3%	4	7%	1,895	2%
Native American	17	*	23	*	25	*	9	*	62	*	12	*	1	*	---	---	149	*
Other ⁽³⁾	16	*	6	*	10	*	6	*	10	*	12	*	---	---	---	---	60	*
Multi-Racial	487	3%	388	3%	350	2%	239	2%	508	3%	172	2%	22	8%	---	---	2,166	2%
Unable to Determine	2,976	17%	2,121	16%	3,111	21%	1,174	10%	1,401	8%	2,148	20%	61	23%	1	2%	12,993	15%
Missing	2,348	13%	891	7%	1,062	7%	1,190	10%	1,944	11%	926	8%	---	---	6	10%	8,367	10%
Total	17,973	100%	13,092	100%	14,987	100%	11,752	100%	18,040	100%	11,010	100%	264	100%	58	100%	87,176	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)

Origin	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Other ⁽³⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	5,733	32%	3,443	26%	4,992	33%	1,734	15%	2,090	12%	3,234	29%	77	29%	8	14%	21,311	24%
Not Hispanic/Latino	8,839	49%	7,846	60%	8,076	54%	7,455	63%	12,246	68%	6,021	55%	173	66%	42	72%	50,698	58%
Unable to Determine	684	4%	476	4%	472	3%	489	4%	709	4%	352	3%	14	5%	1	2%	3,197	4%
Missing	2,717	15%	1,327	10%	1,447	10%	2,074	18%	2,995	17%	1,403	13%	---	---	7	12%	11,970	14%
Total	17,973	100%	13,092	100%	14,987	100%	11,752	100%	18,040	100%	11,010	100%	264	100%	58	100%	87,176	100%

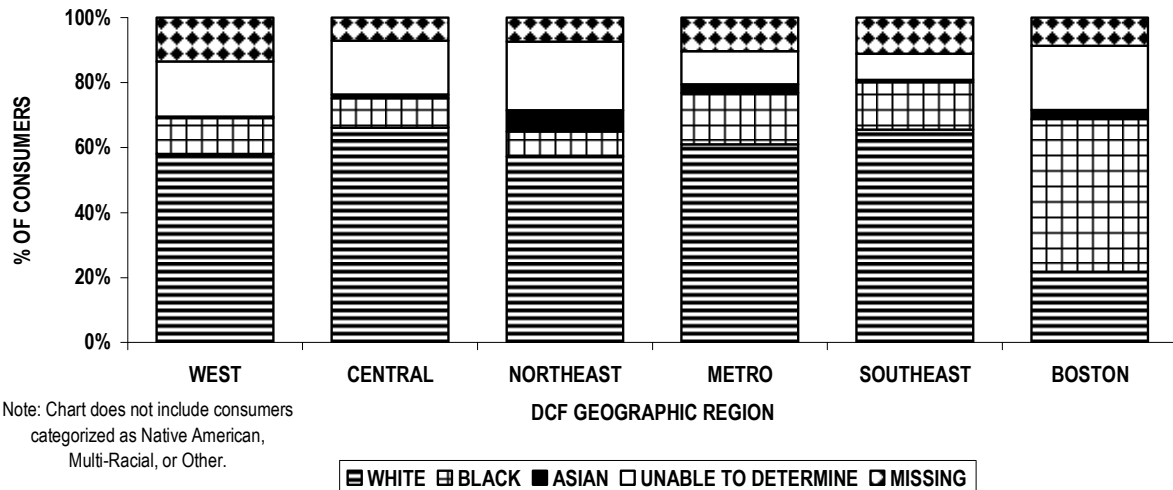
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'08, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**



**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'08, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**

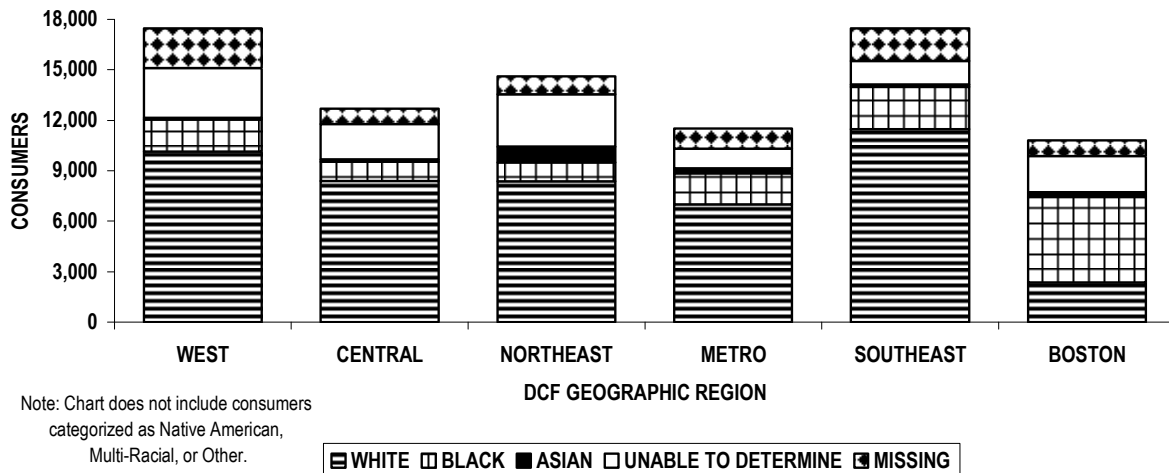


FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
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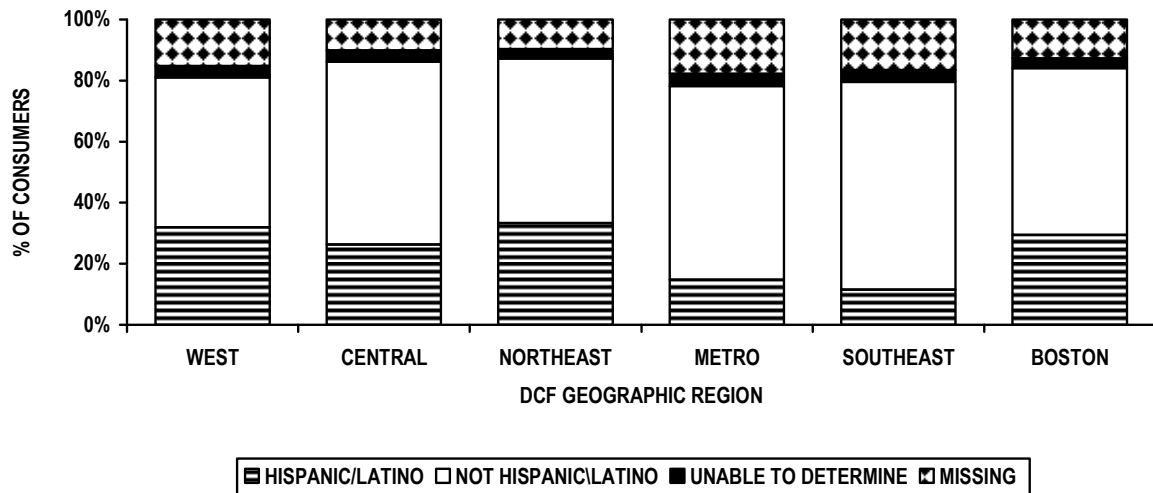


FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
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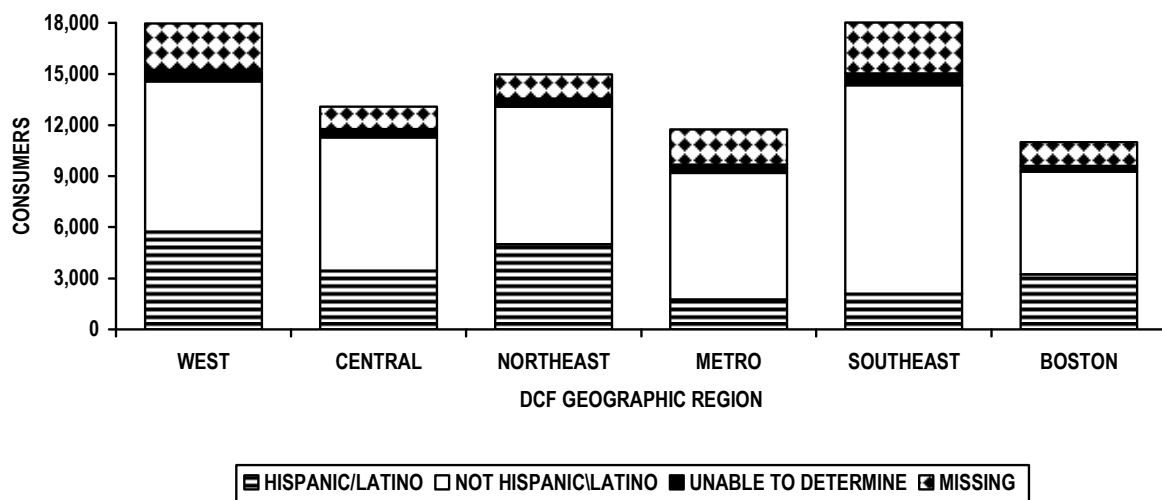


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾				No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,301	7%	774	6%	1,259	8%	459	4%	388	2%	987	9%	12	5%	9	16%	5,189	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	7	*	6	*	276	2%	2	*	44	*	14	*	---	---	---	---	349	*
Portuguese	1	*	42	*	30	*	99	1%	120	1%	26	*	---	---	---	---	318	*
Haitian Creole	1	*	4	*	10	*	112	1%	51	*	80	1%	---	---	---	---	258	*
Vietnamese	6	*	32	*	15	*	33	*	13	*	70	1%	3	1%	---	---	172	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	2	*	---	---	5	*	106	1%	91	1%	---	---	---	---	204	*
Chinese	---	---	4	*	2	*	44	*	1	*	20	*	---	---	3	5%	74	*
Lao	1	*	8	*	35	*	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	46	*
American Sign Lang.	5	*	3	*	8	*	8	*	9	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	40	*
Other	401	2%	202	2%	160	1%	201	2%	350	2%	209	2%	1	*	23	40%	1,547	2%
English\Unspecified	16,250	90%	12,015	92%	13,192	88%	10,789	92%	16,957	94%	9,505	86%	248	94%	23	40%	78,979	91%
Total	17,973	100%	13,092	100%	14,987	100%	11,752	100%	18,040	100%	11,010	100%	264	100%	58	100%	87,176	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

Profile of Consumers in Placement⁶

Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 8,060 consumers in foster care and 2,298 consumers in congregate care⁷ on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2008. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Metro, Southeastern, and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (29-37% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 608, 488, and 458, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 63% to 75% across the regions. The Metro and Southeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 341 and 311, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁸ were primarily adolescents (75-86% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 2,047 consumers in “Intensive” foster care⁹ (IFC) and 6,013 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (39% of consumers), kinship (32%), child specific (10%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (12%). **(Table 5B)**
- The Western and Northeastern Regions had the highest numbers of consumers in IFC. **(Table 5B).**
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. The Southeast had the most consumers in kinship care. Consumers in independent living were highest in the Northeast. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**

⁶Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

⁷Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

⁸“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

⁹Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. Metro had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in the West and Metro. The Central Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the Northeast as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (1,008 consumers), residential (929), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)¹⁰ (361 consumers). **(Table 5C)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in Boston. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southeastern Region. **(Fig. 8A)**
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the Northeast and Metro. The Northeast and Metro also had the most consumers in residential. The Southeast had the most children in the STARR program. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.¹¹ **(Table 5C)**
- The primary models in the group home program were group home (405 consumers), behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (401), and independent living (202). **(Table 5C)**
- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, there was a statewide increase of less than 1% in foster care children and a decrease of 2% in congregate care children.¹² Regionally, the highest increase in the foster care population occurred in Central (5%). Central also had the most significant gain in congregate care children (4%). **(Figs. 9 and 10).**

¹⁰ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

¹¹ Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

¹² Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.¹³
- Statewide, 59% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 1% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 15% of the placement population. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 6A**)
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,712 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- Race was unspecified for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Northeastern and Western Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. (**Table 6A**)
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 39% to 49%. (**Table 6B**)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 179 in the Central Region to 362 in the Northeastern Region. (**Table 6B**)
- The service plan goals displayed in Table 6B are a combination of new and old taxonomy. As time passes, the old goals will gradually disappear (Living Independently, Long-term Substitute Care, Long-term Care w/ASA). The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (33% of all consumers in placement), Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹⁴ (APPLA) (23%), and Adoption (23%). Regionally, the Southeast and West had the highest numbers of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. The Northeast had the most consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 6B, Fig. 11B**)

¹³ Massachusetts child population: 51% male and 49% female (July 1, 2006). U.S. Census Bureau, State Population Estimates–Characteristics (www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/tables/SC_EST2006-02-25.XLS)

¹⁴ Goal to establish with youth 16 years or older a lifelong permanent connection, as well as life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood.

- On 6/30/2008, 36% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of 2 or more years¹⁵, 21% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 43% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Northeast had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care¹⁶ for more than two years (41%). Central had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (47%). The Southeast and West had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (962 and 921, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (842). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (39% for Black vs. 36% for White, 37% for Hispanic, 39% for Asian, 35% for Unable to Determine, 28% for Multi-Racial). **(Tables 7A and 7B)**

¹⁵ Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

¹⁶ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (June 30, 2008).

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2008 (“snapshot” on 6/30/08), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median¹⁷ age was 12.1 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table below)
- Median age of children in care rose from 9.2 years in 1992 to 12.2 years in 2003. For the past six years, median age has remained at the 12 year mark (fluctuations ranging from 12.1 to 12.7 years). Median time in placement has been fairly stable over the past 17 years (1.5 years in 1992 to 1.1 years in 2008). (See table below)

Children in Placement*			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98**	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99**	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00**	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01**	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04**	12.5	1.5	9,967
6/05**	12.7	1.4	9,709
6/06**	12.7	1.2	9,459
6/07**	12.6	1.2	9,109
9/07	12.3	1.1	9,161
12/07	12.6	1.1	8,979
3/08	12.4	1.1	9,233
6/08	12.1	1.1	9,281

¹⁷ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

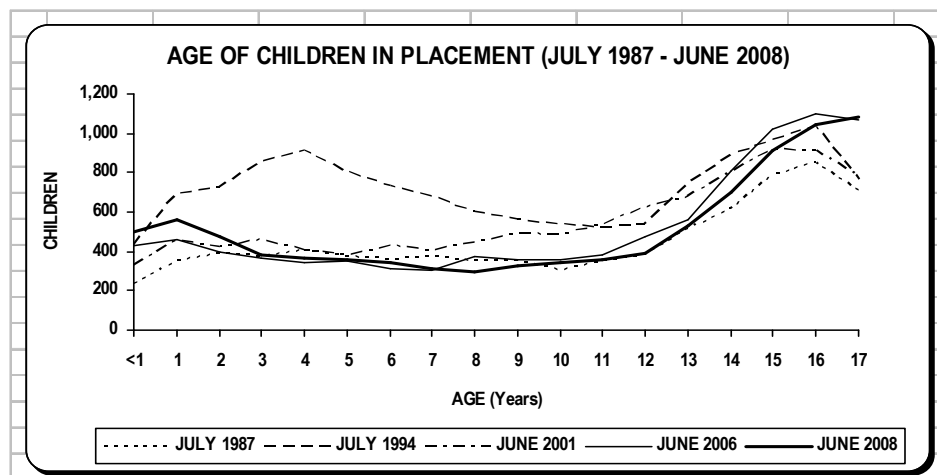
- A racial and Hispanic origin breakdown of children in placement is presented in the following table. The median age of most minority children was greater than the median age of white children. Median time in care was similar for white and minority children. On 6/30/08, 50% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents.

Children in Placement on 6/30/08*			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	12.0	1.1	5,471
Black	13.4	1.0	1,759
Asian	14.9	1.0	122
Native American	8.6	0.8	18
Pacific Islander	10.5	0.9	4
Multi-Racial	6.4	1.0	488
Unable to Determine	11.5	1.0	1,408
Unknown	15.1	0.7	11
TOTAL	12.1	1.1	9,281
Hispanic Origin**	12.4	1.1	2,363

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = Children of any race who are Hispanic

The figure below shows the ages of children in placement at four points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number of adolescents. Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By the years 2006-2008, the age distributions of children in placement dropped to levels that approached the 1987 curve. Throughout this 22 year period, the adolescent population was relatively stable. However, peak numbers of 15-17 year olds were reached in 2006-2008. It should be noted that the total number of children in care (less than 18 years old) at each point in time was 8,078 in 1987, 12,977 in 1994, 9,955 in 2001, 9,459 in 2006, and 9,281 in 2008.



Service Plan Goals of Consumers in Placement

- Among White, Black, and Hispanic consumers in placement, there was little difference in the proportion with a goal of “Family Reunification” (32-34%) (Tables 8A and 8B). However, there was a greater proportion of Black consumers with a goal of “Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” (APPLA) and a lower proportion with a goal of “Adoption” as compared to White and Hispanic consumers—27% Black vs. 22% White and 21% Hispanic for APPLA; 18% Black vs. 24% White and 22% Hispanic for adoption.

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,455 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,507 (61%) were White, 385 (16%) were Black, 20 (1%) were Asian, 4 (<1%) were Native American, and 183 (7%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 15%. Twenty-four percent (588) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. **(Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A)**
- The age distribution of 2,455 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 28% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 36% age 6-11 years, and 14% age 12-17 years. **(Table 8C, Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty-one percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 49% were female. **(Fig. 12A)**
- Forty-four percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D, Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty-one percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D)**

- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁸ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, the group of “waiting” children dropped below 3,000. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 26% in 2008. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864	28%
6/04	9,967*	2,541*	25%
6/05	9,709*	2,483*	26%
6/06	9,459*	2,342*	25%
6/07	9,109*	2,493*	27%
9/07	9,161	2,485	27%
12/07	8,979	2,392	27%
3/08	9,233	2,475	27%
6/08	9,281	2,452	26%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

* = revised statistics

¹⁸ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,455 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 40% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-two percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportion of adolescents legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are getting adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2007 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 9% of all adoptions. The amount of time from legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

	Children in Placement 6/30/08		
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	270	688	39%
3 – 5	219	554	40%
6 – 11	322	875	37%
12 – 17	168	335	50%
Total	979	2,452	40%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. Parental consent to adoption is not required once a child reaches 18 years of age.

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (60%), 70% were matched to permanent families **(Fig. 12B)**.
- The Southeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (57% and 53%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 27% in the West to 57% in the Southeast. **(Fig. 12C)**
- The Metro and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (86% and 83%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 62% in the Northeast to 86% in Metro. Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. **(Fig. 12D)**

**TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		1,796		344		131		2,271
	(0 - 2 yrs)	351	20%	---	---	4	3%	355
	(3 - 5 yrs)	249	14%	2	1%	3	2%	254
	(6 - 11 yrs)	384	21%	41	12%	7	5%	432
	(12 - 17 yrs)	608	34%	242	70%	113	86%	963
	18 or older	204	11%	59	17%	4	3%	267
Central		1,229		308		56		1,593
	(0 - 2 yrs)	244	20%	---	---	---	---	244
	(3 - 5 yrs)	187	15%	2	1%	3	5%	192
	(6 - 11 yrs)	297	24%	59	19%	6	11%	362
	(12 - 17 yrs)	359	29%	215	70%	42	75%	616
	18 or older	142	12%	32	10%	5	9%	179
Northeast		1,333		438		105		1,876
	(0 - 2 yrs)	238	18%	1	*	4	4%	243
	(3 - 5 yrs)	163	12%	2	*	3	3%	168
	(6 - 11 yrs)	223	17%	52	12%	3	3%	278
	(12 - 17 yrs)	458	34%	277	63%	90	86%	825
	18 or older	251	19%	106	24%	5	5%	362
Metro		928		456		56		1,440
	(0 - 2 yrs)	177	19%	---	---	2	4%	179
	(3 - 5 yrs)	110	12%	4	1%	1	2%	115
	(6 - 11 yrs)	178	19%	43	9%	2	4%	223
	(12 - 17 yrs)	313	34%	341	75%	47	84%	701
	18 or older	150	16%	68	15%	4	7%	222
Southeast		1,575		440		87		2,102
	(0 - 2 yrs)	319	20%	2	*	1	1%	322
	(3 - 5 yrs)	215	14%	4	1%	---	---	219
	(6 - 11 yrs)	303	19%	64	15%	11	13%	378
	(12 - 17 yrs)	488	31%	311	71%	73	84%	872
	18 or older	250	16%	59	13%	2	2%	311
Boston		909		307		111		1,327
	(0 - 2 yrs)	152	17%	1	*	1	1%	154
	(3 - 5 yrs)	98	11%	1	*	1	1%	100
	(6 - 11 yrs)	150	17%	33	11%	5	5%	188
	(12 - 17 yrs)	339	37%	206	67%	86	77%	631
	18 or older	170	19%	66	21%	18	16%	254
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		245		5		1		251
	(0 - 2 yrs)	34	14%	---	---	---	---	34
	(3 - 5 yrs)	53	22%	---	---	---	---	53
	(6 - 11 yrs)	115	47%	3	60%	1	100%	119
	(12 - 17 yrs)	43	18%	2	40%	---	---	45
Other ⁽⁴⁾		45		---		---		45
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	4%	---	---	---	---	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	13	29%	---	---	---	---	13
	18 or older	29	64%	---	---	---	---	29
Total		8,060		2,298		547		10,905

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**

		Foster Care							Foster Care Total
DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		433	6	162	131	348	115	601	1,796
	(0 - 2 yrs)	18	4	31	---	84	59	155	351
	(3 - 5 yrs)	26	1	21	---	68	33	100	249
	(6 - 11 yrs)	83	---	31	---	100	21	149	384
	(12 - 17 yrs)	264	1	64	5	91	2	181	608
	18 or older	42	---	15	126	5	---	16	204
Central		280	6	99	63	321	99	361	1,229
	(0 - 2 yrs)	6	3	9	---	90	30	106	244
	(3 - 5 yrs)	8	---	15	---	68	28	68	187
	(6 - 11 yrs)	70	1	29	---	80	32	85	297
	(12 - 17 yrs)	153	1	34	---	71	9	91	359
	18 or older	43	1	12	63	12	---	11	142
Northeast		385	31	77	170	317	38	315	1,333
	(0 - 2 yrs)	52	7	6	---	74	12	87	238
	(3 - 5 yrs)	33	3	7	---	63	7	50	163
	(6 - 11 yrs)	53	1	19	---	72	15	63	223
	(12 - 17 yrs)	200	11	39	5	104	4	95	458
	18 or older	47	9	6	165	4	---	20	251
Metro		196	4	82	88	266	49	243	928
	(0 - 2 yrs)	19	2	7	---	47	24	78	177
	(3 - 5 yrs)	16	---	6	---	54	8	26	110
	(6 - 11 yrs)	28	---	12	---	77	13	48	178
	(12 - 17 yrs)	114	2	38	---	84	4	71	313
	18 or older	19	---	19	88	4	---	20	150
Southeast		334	11	101	162	404	71	492	1,575
	(0 - 2 yrs)	19	1	13	---	89	41	156	319
	(3 - 5 yrs)	28	---	9	---	76	16	86	215
	(6 - 11 yrs)	61	---	17	---	113	12	100	303
	(12 - 17 yrs)	185	---	50	8	108	2	135	488
	18 or older	41	10	12	154	18	---	15	250
Boston		288	12	48	95	214	23	229	909
	(0 - 2 yrs)	29	3	6	---	40	13	61	152
	(3 - 5 yrs)	22	3	1	---	46	7	19	98
	(6 - 11 yrs)	55	2	12	---	52	1	28	150
	(12 - 17 yrs)	147	2	18	---	67	2	103	339
	18 or older	35	2	11	95	9	---	18	170
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		61	---	20	---	51	51	62	245
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	2	---	13	7	12	34
	(3 - 5 yrs)	8	---	4	---	16	13	12	53
	(6 - 11 yrs)	32	---	5	---	17	26	35	115
	(12 - 17 yrs)	21	---	9	---	5	5	3	43
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	5	14	3	---	23	45
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	3	---	1	---	9	13
	18 or older	---	---	2	14	2	---	11	29
Total		1,977	70	594	723	1,924	446	2,326	8,060

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model.

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model.

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Congregate Care					STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
		Group Home			Residential			
		Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western		108	43	22	113	2	56	344
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	7	2	---	23	---	9	41
	(12 - 17 yrs)	94	21	5	76	1	45	242
	18 or older	7	20	17	14	1	---	59
Centra		74	61	9	106	4	54	308
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	15	6	---	24	---	14	59
	(12 - 17 yrs)	52	46	5	71	3	38	215
	18 or older	7	9	4	11	1	---	32
Northeast		76	59	71	177	---	55	438
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	15	4	---	27	---	6	52
	(12 - 17 yrs)	60	49	14	107	---	47	277
	18 or older	1	5	57	43	---	---	106
Metro		42	112	49	178	4	71	456
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	3	4
	(6 - 11 yrs)	9	4	---	23	---	7	43
	(12 - 17 yrs)	31	92	23	130	4	61	341
	18 or older	2	16	26	24	---	---	68
Southeast		71	63	20	188	3	95	440
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	3	4
	(6 - 11 yrs)	26	1	---	22	---	15	64
	(12 - 17 yrs)	41	52	7	133	3	75	311
	18 or older	4	9	13	33	---	---	59
Boston		30	67	31	140	14	25	307
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	7	1	---	20	---	5	33
	(12 - 17 yrs)	21	50	7	99	11	18	206
	18 or older	2	16	24	21	3	---	66
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		---	---	---	---	---	5	5
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
Total		401	405	202	902	27	361	2,298

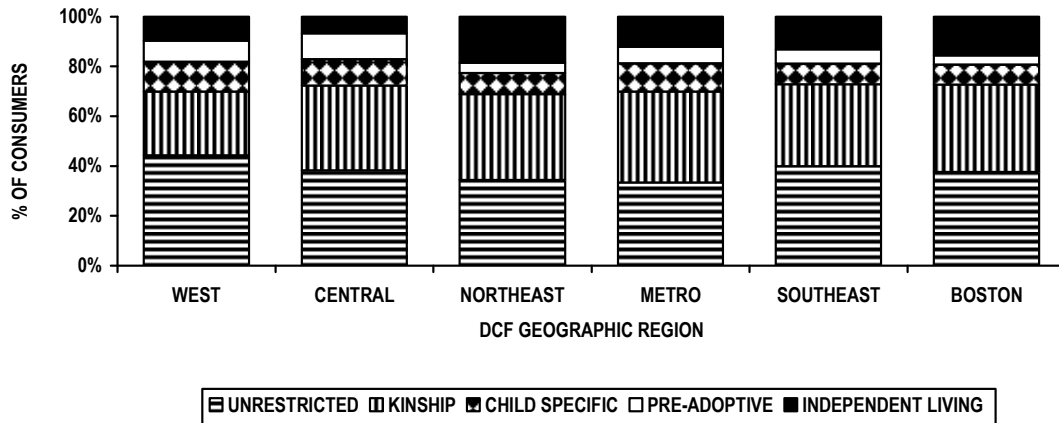
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes bridge home (1), regular group home (1), Chap. 766 (2), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (23).

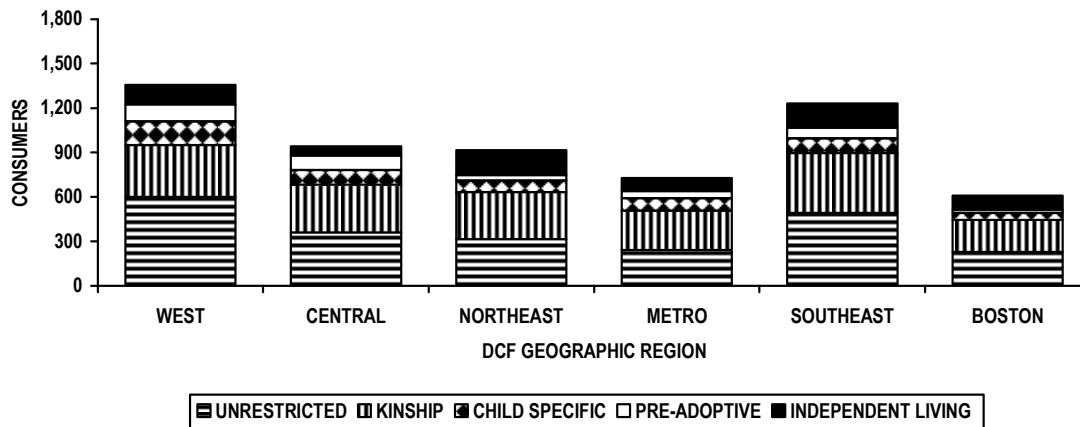
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

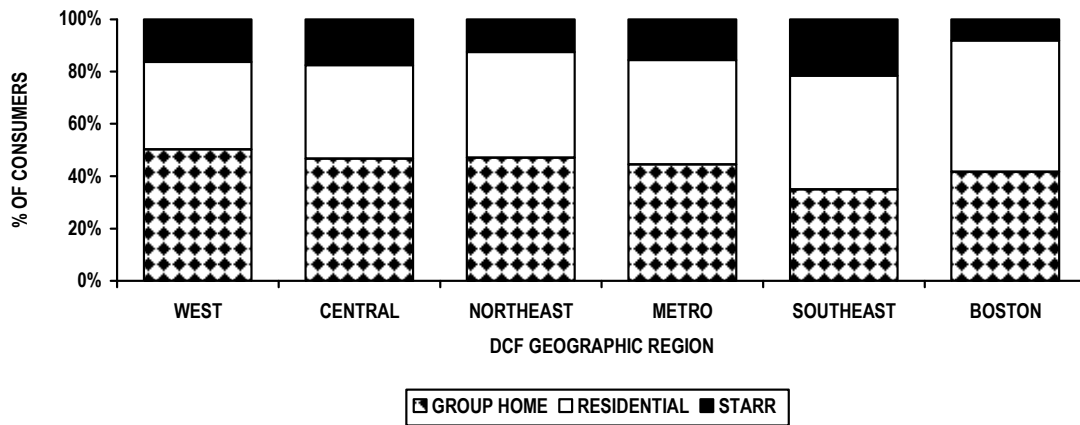
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**



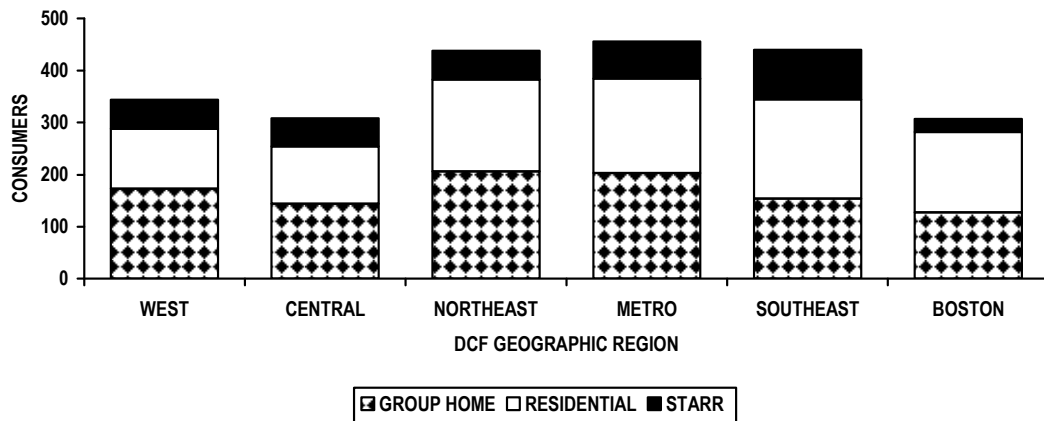
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
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FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**



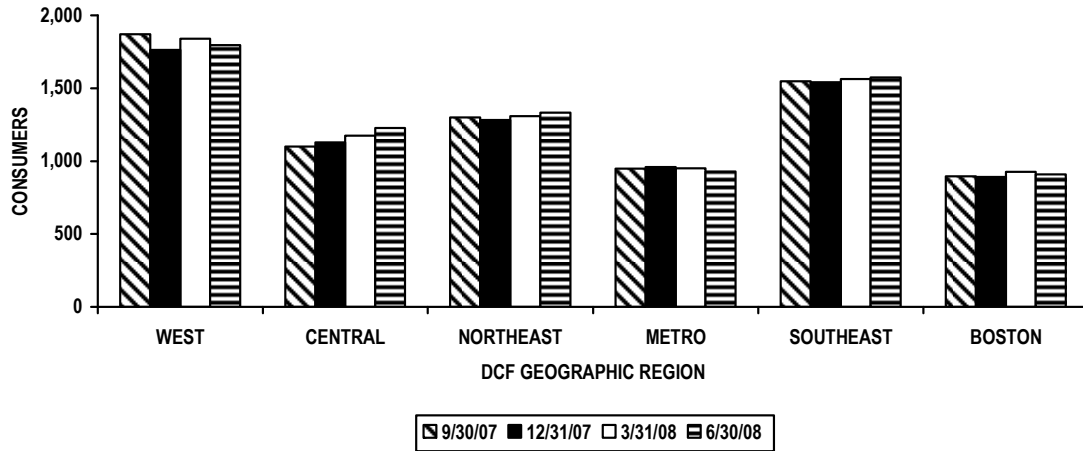
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**



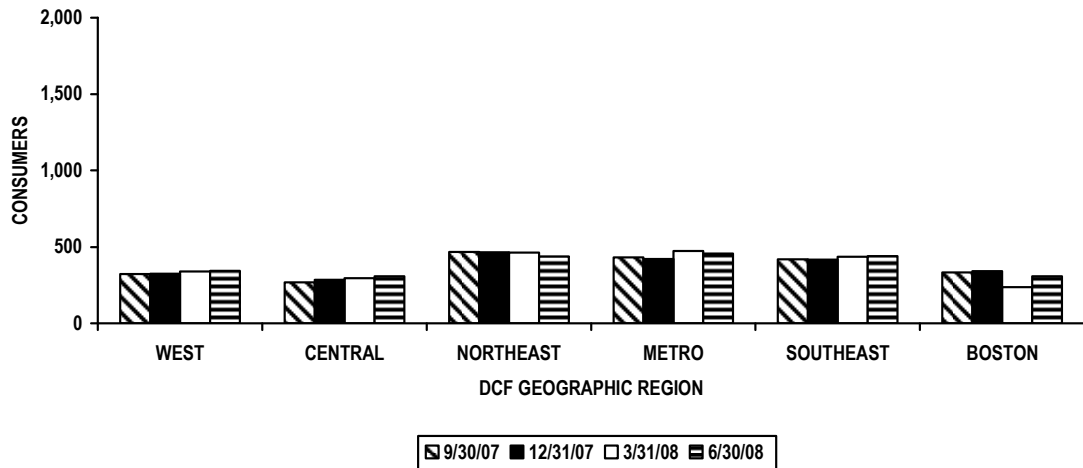
**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region														Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,086	48%	782	49%	888	47%	700	49%	1,002	48%	682	51%	118	47%	18	40%	5,276	48%
Male	1,185	52%	811	51%	988	53%	740	51%	1,100	52%	645	49%	133	53%	27	60%	5,629	52%
Total	2,271	100%	1,593	100%	1,876	100%	1,440	100%	2,102	100%	1,327	100%	251	100%	45	100%	10,905	100%
Race:																		
White	1,471	65%	1,053	66%	1,105	59%	947	66%	1,418	67%	290	22%	115	46%	4	9%	6,403	59%
Black	330	15%	179	11%	186	10%	273	19%	361	17%	753	57%	48	19%	31	69%	2,161	20%
Asian	2	*	10	1%	74	4%	26	2%	12	1%	22	2%	9	4%	4	9%	159	1%
Native American	2	*	4	*	5	*	2	*	7	*	3	*	1	*	---	---	24	*
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	3	1%	---	---	1	1%	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	6	*
Multi-Racial	117	5%	71	4%	92	5%	55	4%	129	6%	40	3%	22	9%	---	---	526	5%
Unable to Determine	349	15%	268	17%	412	22%	136	9%	174	8%	218	16%	56	22%	1	2%	1,614	15%
Unknown	---	---	5	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	11%	12	*
Total	2,271	100%	1,593	100%	1,876	100%	1,440	100%	2,102	100%	1,327	100%	251	100%	45	100%	10,905	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	726	32%	449	28%	668	36%	196	14%	278	13%	318	24%	72	29%	5	11%	2,712	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,413	62%	1,053	66%	1,134	60%	1,166	81%	1,701	81%	949	72%	165	66%	36	80%	7,617	70%
Unable to Determine	132	6%	90	6%	73	4%	78	5%	123	6%	60	5%	14	6%	---	---	570	5%
Unknown	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	9%	6	*
Total	2,271	100%	1,593	100%	1,876	100%	1,440	100%	2,102	100%	1,327	100%	251	100%	45	100%	10,905	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total					
	West				Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Age:																						
(0 - 2 yrs)	355	16%	244	15%	243	13%	179	12%	322	15%	154	12%	34	14%	---	---	1,531	14%				
(3 - 5 yrs)	254	11%	192	12%	168	9%	115	8%	219	10%	100	8%	53	21%	1	2%	1,102	10%				
(6 - 11 yrs)	432	19%	362	23%	278	15%	223	15%	378	18%	188	14%	119	47%	2	4%	1,982	18%				
(12 - 17 yrs)	963	42%	616	39%	825	44%	701	49%	872	41%	631	48%	45	18%	13	29%	4,666	43%				
18 or older	267	12%	179	11%	362	19%	222	15%	311	15%	254	19%	---	---	29	64%	1,624	15%				
Total	2,271	100%	1,593	100%	1,876	100%	1,440	100%	2,102	100%	1,327	100%	251	100%	45	100%	10,905	100%				
Service Plan Goals:																						
Family Reunification	721	32%	563	35%	591	32%	483	34%	800	38%	465	35%	---	---	1	2%	3,624	33%				
APPLA ⁽³⁾	449	20%	286	18%	490	26%	368	26%	475	23%	392	30%	1	*	4	9%	2,465	23%				
Adoption	561	25%	435	27%	377	20%	224	16%	411	20%	203	15%	244	97%	---	---	2,455	23%				
Permanent Care with Kin	131	6%	59	4%	134	7%	112	8%	131	6%	59	4%	2	1%	---	---	628	6%				
Stabilization of Family	139	6%	107	7%	110	6%	82	6%	108	5%	79	6%	---	---	---	---	625	6%				
Guardianship	143	6%	66	4%	99	5%	100	7%	109	5%	78	6%	3	1%	---	---	598	5%				
Living Independently	28	1%	5	*	17	1%	14	1%	20	1%	17	1%	---	---	25	56%	126	1%				
Long-Term Substitute Care	8	*	11	1%	10	1%	7	*	9	*	1	*	---	---	3	7%	49	*				
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽⁴⁾	5	*	5	*	3	*	2	*	5	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	25	*				
Unspecified as of run-date	86	4%	56	4%	45	2%	48	3%	34	2%	28	2%	1	*	12	27%	310	3%				
Total	2,271	100%	1,593	100%	1,876	100%	1,440	100%	2,102	100%	1,327	100%	251	100%	45	100%	10,905	100%				
Continuous Time in Care:																						
(.5 yr or less)	606	27%	502	32%	457	24%	386	27%	601	29%	338	25%	10	4%	2	4%	2,902	27%				
(> .5 - 1 yr)	315	14%	243	15%	281	15%	258	18%	361	17%	255	19%	14	6%	6	13%	1,733	16%				
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	300	13%	214	13%	211	11%	187	13%	245	12%	182	14%	27	11%	3	7%	1,369	13%				
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	208	9%	149	9%	147	8%	130	9%	181	9%	103	8%	36	14%	9	20%	963	9%				
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	465	20%	260	16%	360	19%	260	18%	402	19%	219	17%	112	45%	19	42%	2,097	19%				
> 4 yrs	377	17%	225	14%	420	22%	219	15%	311	15%	230	17%	52	21%	6	13%	1,840	17%				
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*				
Total	2,271	100%	1,593	100%	1,876	100%	1,440	100%	2,102	100%	1,327	100%	251	100%	45	100%	10,905	100%				

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

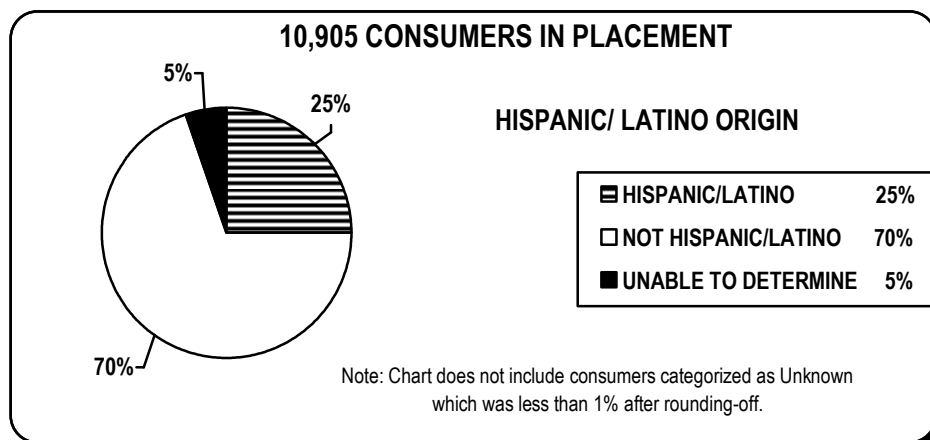
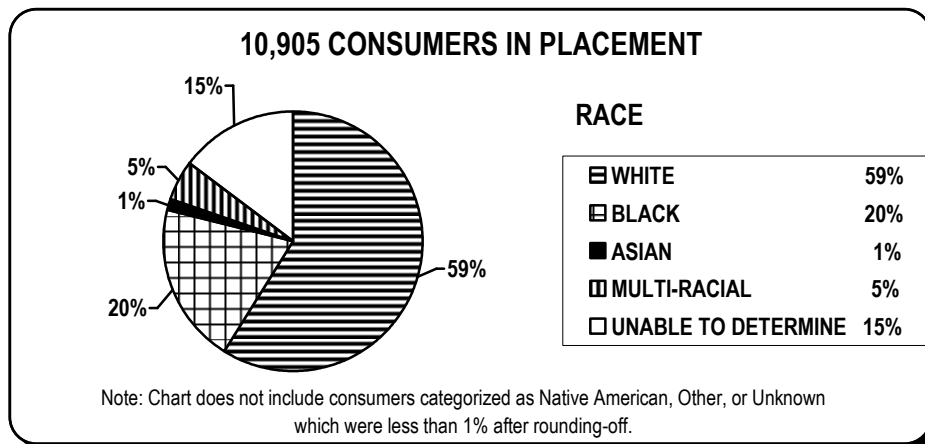
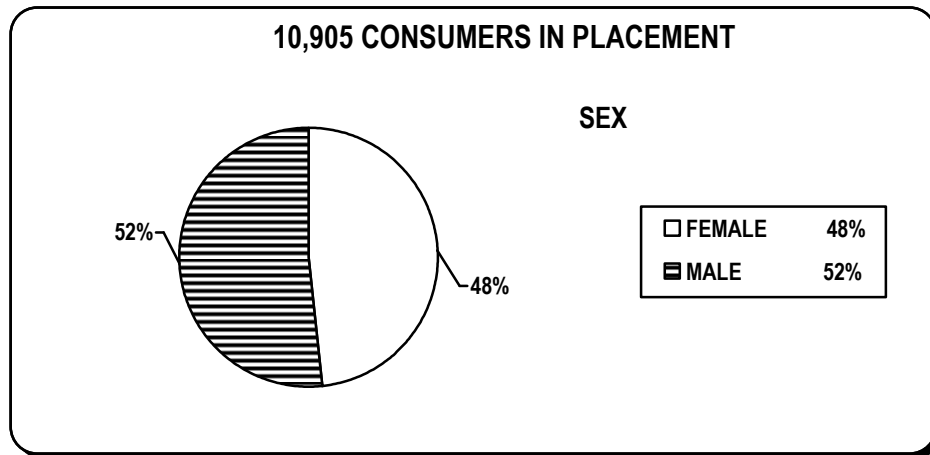
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⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

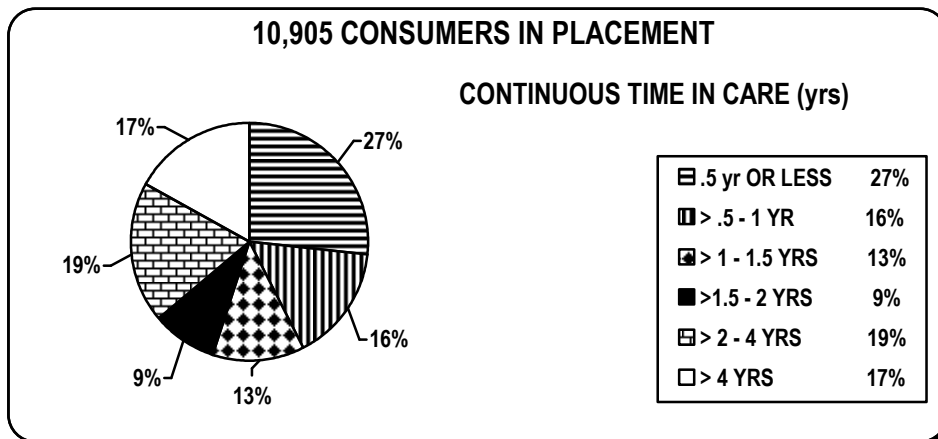
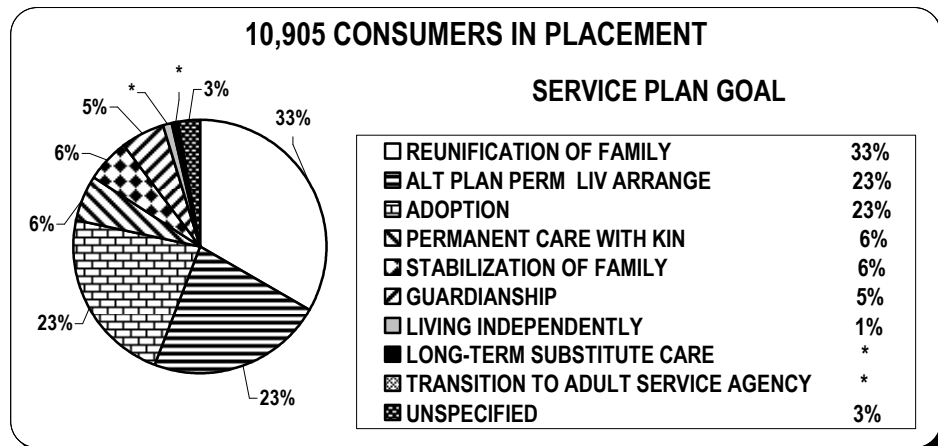
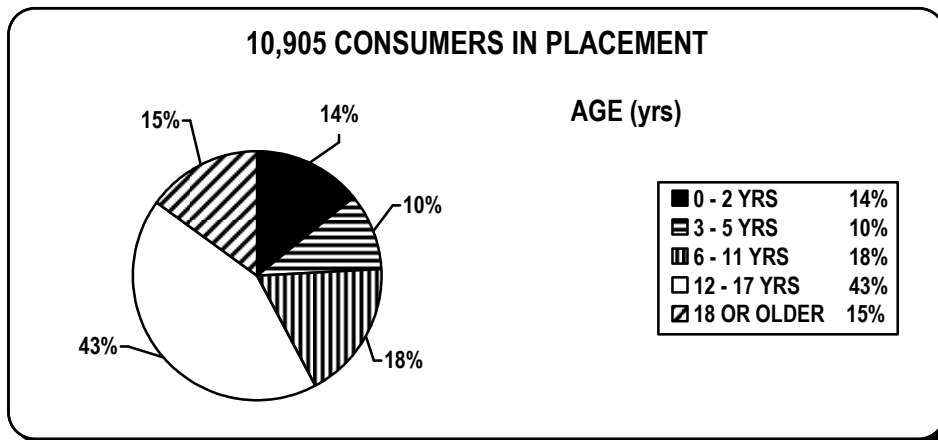
⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽⁴⁾ Adult Service Agency

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers																Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine		Unknown			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,685	26%	556	26%	37	23%	7	29%	1	17%	163	31%	448	28%	5	42%	2,902	27%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	980	15%	350	16%	27	17%	4	17%	3	50%	82	16%	283	18%	4	33%	1,733	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	835	13%	248	11%	21	13%	2	8%	---	---	75	14%	188	12%	---	---	1,369	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	597	9%	168	8%	12	8%	4	17%	1	17%	56	11%	124	8%	1	8%	963	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,227	19%	420	19%	36	23%	2	8%	1	17%	86	16%	323	20%	2	17%	2,097	19%
> 4yrs	1,079	17%	419	19%	26	16%	5	21%	---	---	63	12%	248	15%	---	---	1,840	17%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	6,403	100%	2,161	100%	159	100%	24	100%	6	100%	526	100%	1,614	100%	12	100%	10,905	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Unknown			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	726	27%	2,022	27%	152	27%	2	33%	2,902	27%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	449	17%	1,165	15%	118	21%	1	17%	1,733	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	307	11%	988	13%	74	13%	---	---	1,369	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	218	8%	682	9%	63	11%	---	---	963	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	539	20%	1,453	19%	102	18%	3	50%	2,097	19%
> 4yrs	473	17%	1,307	17%	60	11%	---	---	1,840	17%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,712	100%	7,617	100%	570	100%	6	100%	10,905	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers																Total	
	Native																	
	White		Black		Asian		American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine		Unknown			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	2,100	33%	696	32%	59	37%	7	29%	2	33%	200	38%	555	34%	5	42%	3,624	33%
APPLA ⁽²⁾	1,428	22%	593	27%	42	26%	8	33%	2	33%	65	12%	326	20%	1	8%	2,465	23%
Adoption	1,507	24%	385	18%	20	13%	4	17%	---	---	183	35%	356	22%	---	---	2,455	23%
Permanent Care with Kin	368	6%	122	6%	15	9%	2	8%	1	17%	13	2%	107	7%	---	---	628	6%
Stabilization of Family	358	6%	125	6%	10	6%	1	4%	1	17%	24	5%	106	7%	---	---	625	6%
Guardianship	367	6%	116	5%	4	3%	---	---	---	---	26	5%	85	5%	---	---	598	5%
Living Independently	61	1%	40	2%	3	2%	---	---	---	---	3	1%	19	1%	---	---	126	1%
Long-Term Substitute Care	34	1%	9	*	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	*	---	---	49	*
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽³⁾	16	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	3	*	---	---	25	*
Unspecified as of run-date	164	3%	70	3%	4	3%	2	8%	---	---	11	2%	53	3%	6	50%	310	3%
Total	6,403	100%	2,161	100%	159	100%	24	100%	6	100%	526	100%	1,614	100%	12	100%	10,905	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽²⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽³⁾ Adult Service Agency

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	910	34%	2,514	33%	200	35%	---	---	3,624	33%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	579	21%	1,804	24%	82	14%	---	---	2,465	23%
Adoption	588	22%	1,681	22%	186	33%	---	---	2,455	23%
Permanent Care with Kin	158	6%	443	6%	27	5%	---	---	628	6%
Stabilization of Family	191	7%	408	5%	26	5%	---	---	625	6%
Guardianship	153	6%	418	5%	27	5%	---	---	598	5%
Living Independently	30	1%	91	1%	2	*	3	50%	126	1%
Long-Term Substitute Care	15	1%	33	*	1	*	---	---	49	*
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	6	*	19	*	---	---	---	---	25	*
Unspecified as of run-date	82	3%	206	3%	19	3%	3	50%	310	3%
Total	2,712	100%	7,617	100%	570	100%	6	100%	10,905	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ Adult Service Agency

**TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total No. %	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	683	19%	424	12%	740	20%	1,757	48%	20	1%	3,624	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	1	*	1	*	19	1%	1,151	47%	1,293	52%	2,465	100%
Adoption	688	28%	554	23%	875	36%	335	14%	3	*	2,455	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	3	*	4	1%	38	6%	528	84%	55	9%	628	100%
Stabilization of Family	74	12%	43	7%	78	12%	364	58%	66	11%	625	100%
Guardianship	19	3%	44	7%	179	30%	321	54%	35	6%	598	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	---	---	32	25%	94	75%	126	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	---	---	---	---	4	8%	41	84%	4	8%	49	100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	36%	16	64%	25	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	63	20%	32	10%	49	16%	128	41%	38	12%	310	100%
Total	1,531	14%	1,102	10%	1,982	18%	4,666	43%	1,624	15%	10,905	100%

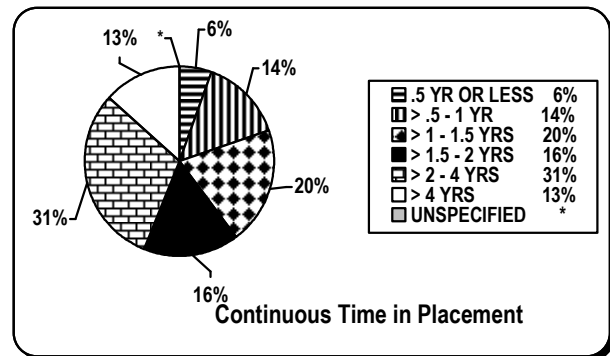
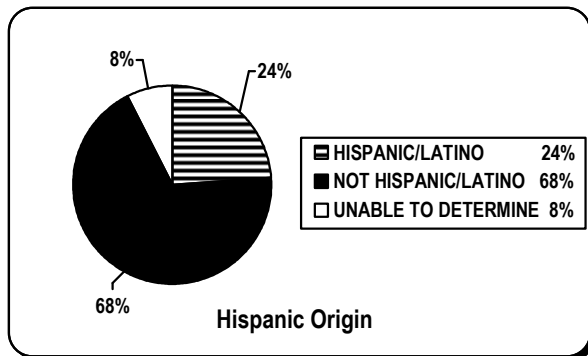
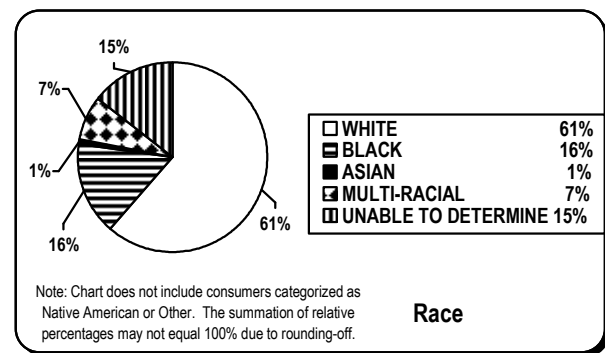
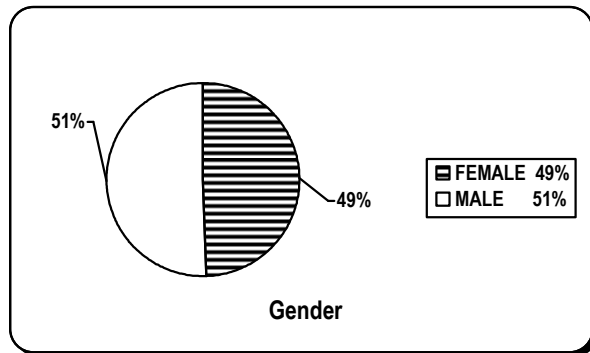
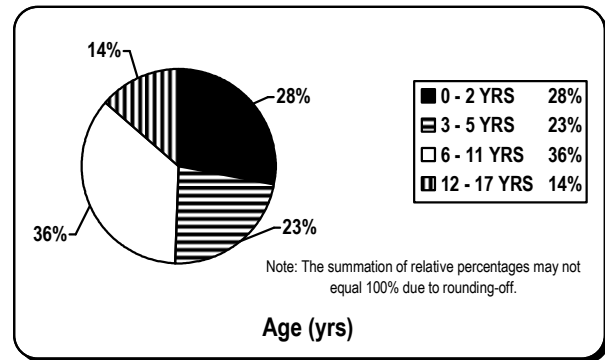
**TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement														Total No. %	
	(.5yr or less		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,850	51%	944	26%	425	12%	167	5%	192	5%	46	1%	---	---	3,624	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	194	8%	191	8%	217	9%	204	8%	672	27%	987	40%	---	---	2,465	100%
Adoption	136	6%	350	14%	488	20%	401	16%	753	31%	326	13%	1	*	2,455	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	48	8%	55	9%	71	11%	62	10%	186	30%	206	33%	---	---	628	100%
Stabilization of Family	400	64%	87	14%	28	4%	21	3%	42	7%	47	8%	---	---	625	100%
Guardianship	28	5%	77	13%	118	20%	73	12%	171	29%	131	22%	---	---	598	100%
Living Independently	5	4%	4	3%	10	8%	14	11%	39	31%	54	43%	---	---	126	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	4	8%	6	12%	2	4%	5	10%	18	37%	14	29%	---	---	49	100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	2	8%	1	4%	---	---	---	---	3	12%	19	76%	---	---	25	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	235	76%	18	6%	10	3%	16	5%	21	7%	10	3%	---	---	310	100%
Total	2,902	27%	1,733	16%	1,369	13%	963	9%	2,097	19%	1,840	17%	1	*	10,905	100%

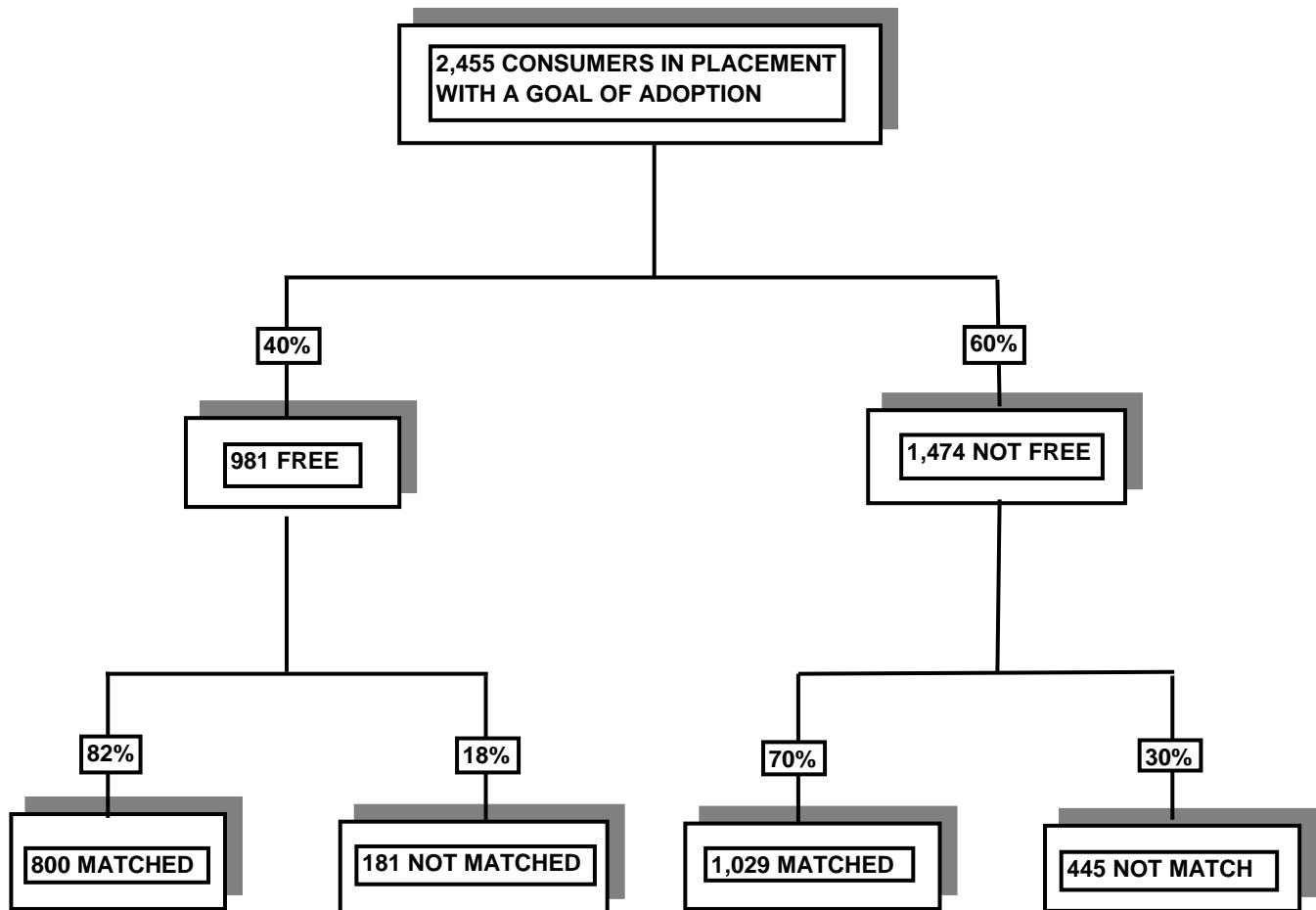
⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ Adult Service Agency

**FIGURE 12A. AGE, SEX, RACE, HISPANIC ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**



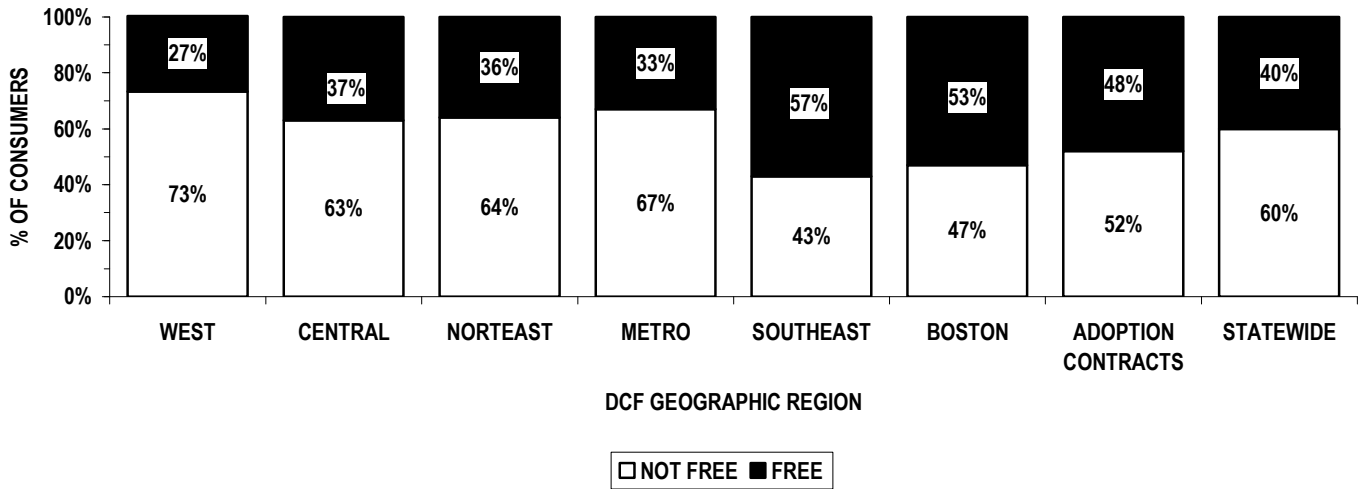
**FIGURE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**



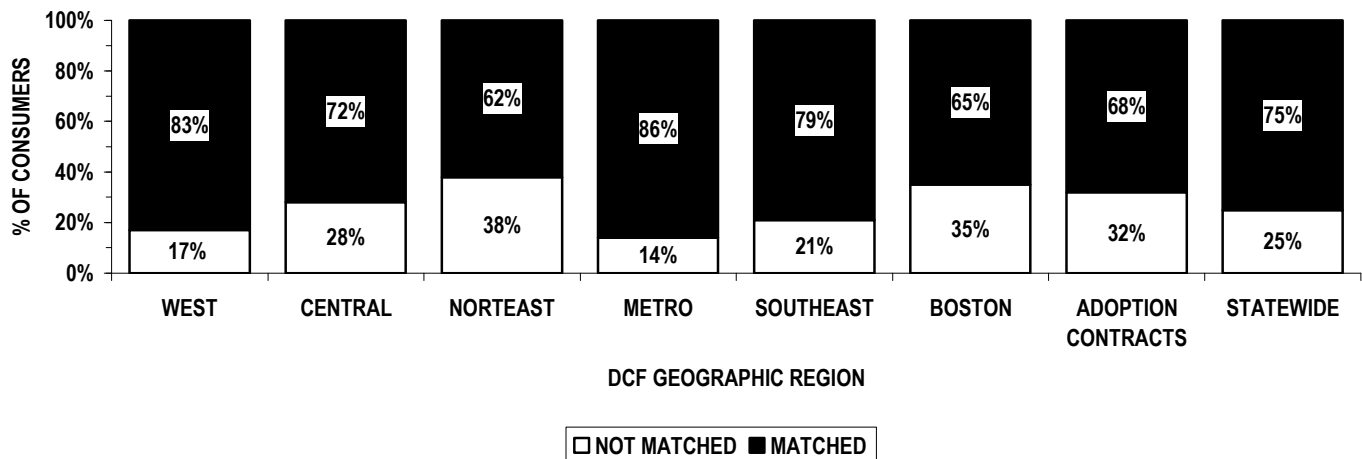
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'08, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**



**FIGURE 12D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'08, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/08)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- Beginning with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, a programming change was made in order to pick up case openings missed in prior reports (short-term openings and closings within the quarter). Consequently, these intake statistics cannot be compared with previous quarters. Monitoring for trends should begin with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 (**Fig. 14**).
- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, there were 4,836 case openings (unduplicated) and 19,952 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DCF. Consumers who entered the DCF system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Eighty-six percent of case intakes and 89% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 7% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 4% of case intakes and 3% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**) It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include CHINS children, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 84-89% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 2-7% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests were highest in the Metro and Central Regions (10% and 9%, respectively). (**Fig. 13, Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals were highest in Boston (46 case openings). Voluntary requests were highest in Metro (76). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the Southeast (872) and West (835). (**Table 9A**). The Southeast and West had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 4th Quarter of FY'2008 (See **Table 14** on page 53).
- Statewide (and often regionally), case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. (**Fig. 14**). This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year (**Figs. 20 and 21** on page 55).

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾								Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	835	89%	41	4%	41	4%	25	3%	942
Central	596	87%	14	2%	65	9%	11	2%	686
Northeast	710	87%	38	5%	41	5%	23	3%	812
Metro	630	84%	25	3%	76	10%	16	2%	747
Southeast	872	86%	43	4%	69	7%	34	3%	1,018
Boston	556	85%	46	7%	43	7%	9	1%	654
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	4,200	86%	207	4%	335	7%	118	2%	4,860

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DCF Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **4,836**.

⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾								Total No.
	Supported		CHINS		Voluntary		Other ⁽²⁾		
	CA/N Reports		Referrals		Requests	for Services			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	3,582	93%	122	3%	119	3%	44	1%	3,867
Central	2,571	88%	54	2%	260	9%	31	1%	2,916
Northeast	3,091	91%	130	4%	126	4%	63	2%	3,410
Metro	2,642	88%	89	3%	230	8%	33	1%	2,994
Southeast	3,810	88%	144	3%	253	6%	125	3%	4,332
Boston	2,305	88%	141	5%	143	5%	28	1%	2,617
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	18,002	89%	680	3%	1,131	6%	324	2%	20,137

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

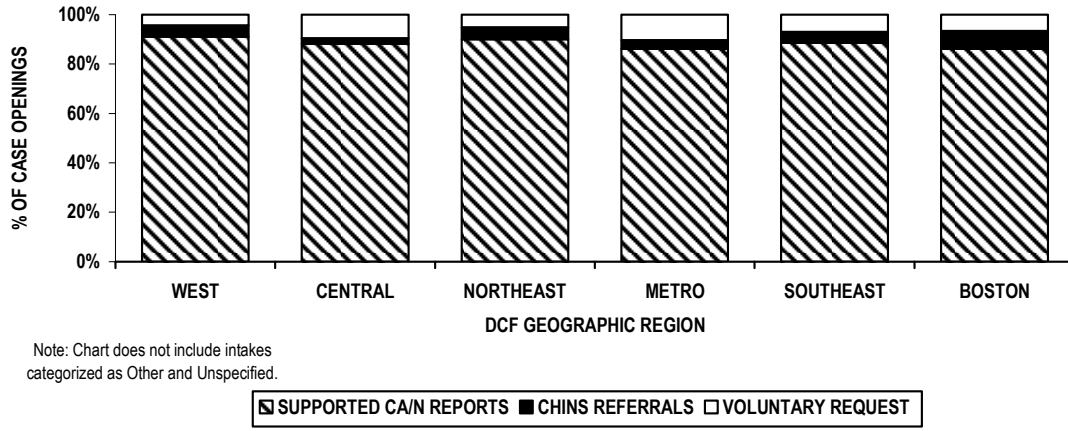
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DCF Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **19,952**.

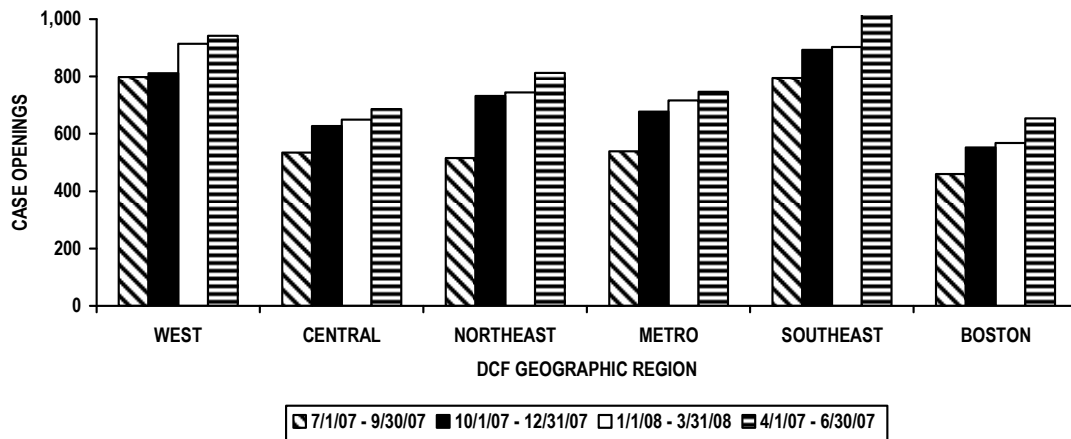
⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER)**



Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, 2,361 consumers entered placement and 2,423 consumers left placement.¹ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11)
- There were 10% more consumers entering care in the 4th quarter compared to the 3rd quarter. The increase was mainly due to 166 more children entering foster care for the first time in the 4th quarter.
- There were 21% more consumers leaving care in the 4th quarter compared to the 3rd quarter. The increase was mostly attributable to 307 more children returning home during the 4th quarter.

Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, 67% were first-time entrants and 33% were re-entrants.² Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 61% in the West to 72% in Central. (Table 10, Fig. 15)
- The 2,361 entrants to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) were distributed across regions as follows: 21% (Southeast), 21% (West), 17% (Central), 16% (Northeast), 14% (Metro), and 10% (Boston). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 75% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 21% were placed in congregate care,³ and 4% were placed in non-referral locations.⁴ Regionally, the proportion of foster care entrants ranged from 61% in Metro to 84% in Central. (Table 10, Fig. 16)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Eighty percent of first-time entrants and 65% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 27% of re-entrants and 17% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)

¹ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

² Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

³ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

⁴ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 66% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 61% in Boston to 72% in the West. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 10% of consumers leaving placement were emancipated, 7% were adopted, and 6% were granted guardianships. Regionally, the proportion of consumers emancipated ranged from 8% in the West and Boston to 12% in the Northeast; adopted consumers ranged from 5% in the West, Metro, and Northeast to 12% in Boston; and consumers with guardianships ranged from 4% in the Northeast to 9% in the Southeast. **(Table 11)**

**TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)**

Entry	Placement	DCF Geographic Region						Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
Type	Location Started	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston		
First-Time Entrants:		302	285	246	238	359	148	5	1,583
	Foster Care	268	250	186	158	286	112	4	1,264
	Congregate Care	26	30	51	75	67	28	---	277
	Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	8	5	9	5	6	8	1	42
Re-Entrants:		192	110	139	103	144	90	---	778
	Foster Care	141	80	87	49	87	62	---	506
	Congregate Care	36	24	39	53	44	16	---	212
	Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	15	6	13	1	13	12	---	60
Total		494	395	385	341	503	238	5	2,361

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

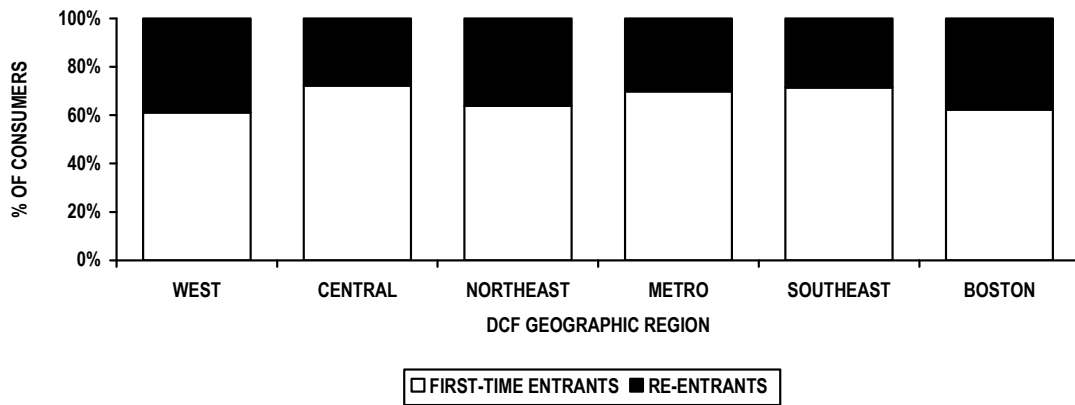
⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)**

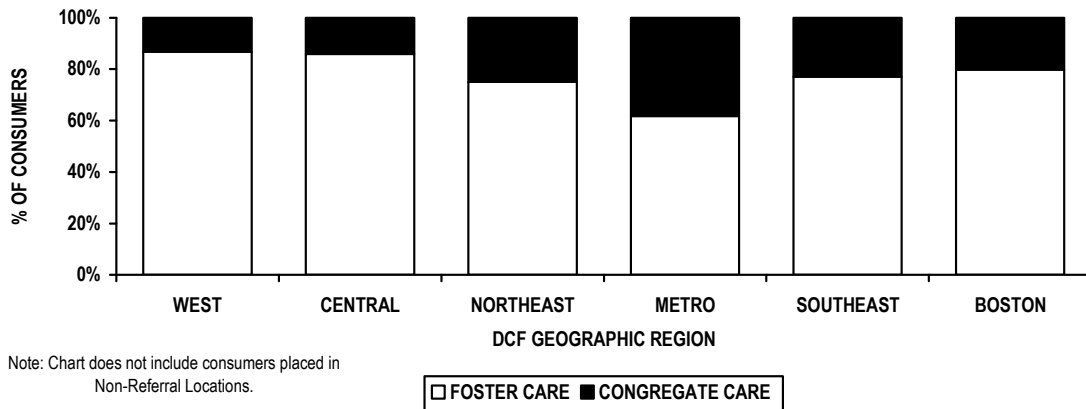
Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region							Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston			
Child Returned Home	357	248	266	251	304	183	---	---	1,609
Child 18 or Older	42	35	49	44	47	24	---	---	241
Consumer Adopted	25	21	20	21	37	36	---	---	160
Guardianship	24	29	15	22	44	18	---	---	152
Custody to Other Individual	32	13	27	39	11	21	---	---	143
Custody to Other Agency	6	2	7	2	2	2	1	---	22
Consumer Deceased	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	---	2
Unspecified	13	12	14	9	28	15	3	---	94
Total	499	360	399	389	473	299	4	---	2,423

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)**

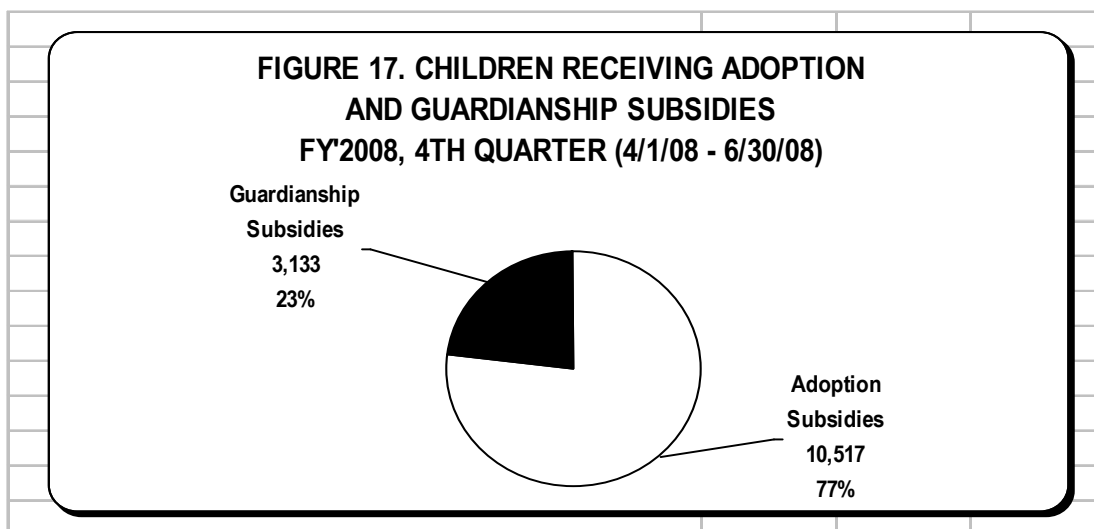


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/31/08)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,517. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,133. **(Fig. 17)**



From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, adoption subsidies rose 1% and guardianship subsidies increased 2%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies mostly fluctuate between -1% and 1% (See table below). The declines in adoption and guardianship subsidies during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 resulted from a concerted effort to close service referrals that were active but not disbursing funds.

	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2005 1 st	9,954	1%	3,002	*
2 nd	10,081	1%	3,081	3%
3 rd	10,002	-1%	3,050	-1%
4 th	10,146	1%	3,083	1%
FY'2006 1 st	10,113	*	3,073	*
2 nd	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
3 rd	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
4 th	10,463	1%	3,115	*
FY'2007 1 st	10,149	-3%	3,017	-3%
2 nd	10,190	*	2,967	-2%
3 rd	10,287	1%	3,019	2%
4 th	10,184	-1%	3,016	*
FY'2008 1 st	10,312	1%	3,046	1%
2 nd	10,386	1%	3,022	-1%
3 rd	10,461	1%	3,074	2%
4	10,517	1%	3,133	2%

= less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes¹

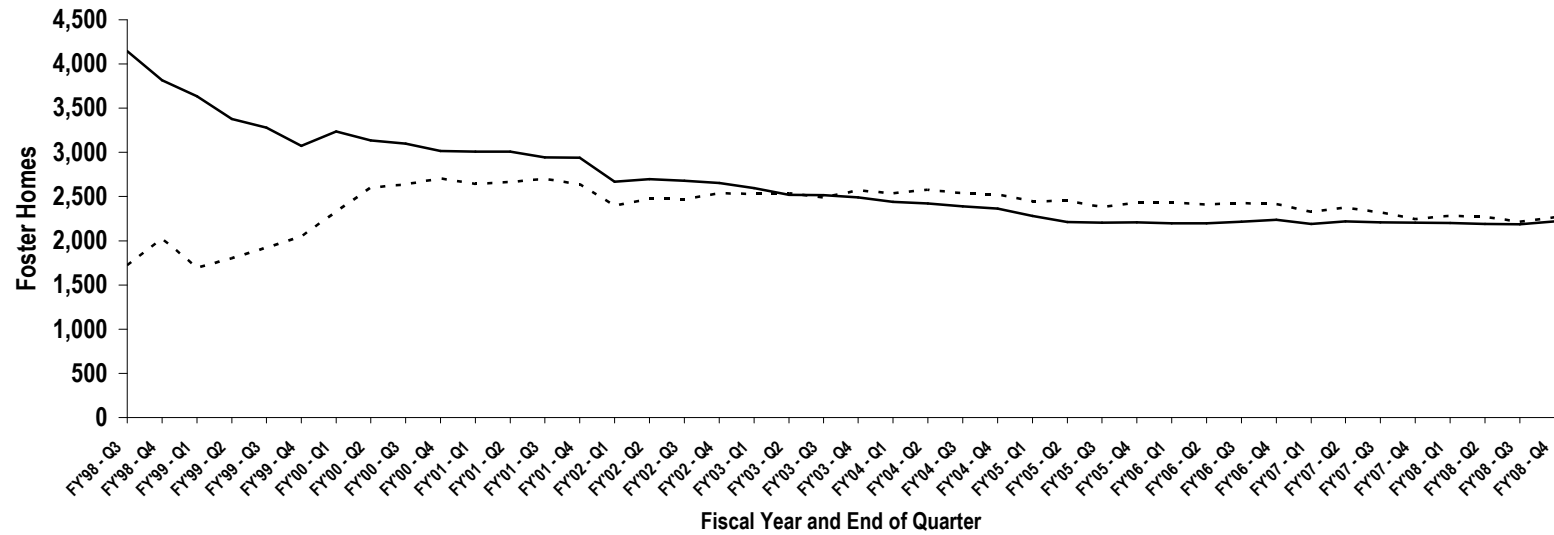
- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, there were 4,484 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes² as well as unrestricted homes.³ There was a nearly equal number of restricted (2,265) and unrestricted (2,219) foster homes. **(Table 12A)**
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a maximum level of 53% in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005. Restricted homes remained at a 52-53% level through the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007. For the past six quarters, restricted homes have accounted for 50-51% of all foster homes. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 78% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 62% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 72% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 52% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Twelve percent (554) of all foster homes were identified as Black (273 restricted and 281 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Fifteen percent (680) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (324 restricted and 356 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

¹ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

² Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

³ Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES*
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 4TH QUARTER OF FY'2008 (6/30/08)



* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

—— UNRESTRICTED - - - - - RESTRICTED

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION: FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ¹		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	457		366		372		312		514		206		38		2,265	
White	386	84%	218	60%	272	73%	248	79%	419	82%	63	31%	24	63%	1,630	72%
Black	41	9%	13	4%	31	8%	28	9%	46	9%	105	51%	9	24%	273	12%
Asian	---	---	2	1%	13	3%	1	*	---	---	1	*	1	3%	18	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	1%	1	*	---	---	5	*
Other ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	2	*
Multi-Racial	3	1%	2	1%	4	1%	3	1%	2	*	---	---	---	---	14	1%
Unable to Determine ³	25	5%	127	35%	47	13%	29	9%	33	6%	35	17%	3	8%	299	13%
Missing	2	*	4	1%	5	1%	3	1%	8	2%	1	*	1	3%	24	1%
Unrestricted:	497		333		268		338		493		188		102		2,219	
White	394	79%	277	83%	219	82%	289	86%	393	80%	58	31%	96	94%	1,726	78%
Black	59	12%	17	5%	9	3%	40	12%	45	9%	107	57%	4	4%	281	13%
Asian	2	*	---	---	11	4%	---	---	1	*	1	1%	---	---	15	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	6	1%	---	---	---	---	7	*
Multi-Racial	24	5%	2	1%	5	2%	1	*	2	*	1	1%	1	1%	36	2%
Unable to Determine ³	18	4%	37	11%	22	8%	7	2%	45	9%	21	11%	1	1%	151	7%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	954		699		640		650		1,007		394		140		4,484	

¹ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

² Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

³ Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her race.

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DCF REGION: FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)

DCF Geographic Region														Adoption Contracts ¹		Total	
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.	%	No.	%	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Restricted:	457		366		372		312		514		206		38		2,265		
Hispanic/Latino	76	17%	65	18%	77	21%	21	7%	37	7%	42	20%	6	16%	324	14%	
Not Hispanic/Latino	370	81%	206	56%	270	73%	273	88%	448	87%	154	75%	30	79%	1,751	77%	
Unable to Determine ²	7	2%	92	25%	21	6%	13	4%	19	4%	9	4%	1	3%	162	7%	
Missing	4	1%	3	1%	4	1%	5	2%	10	2%	1	1%	1	3%	28	2%	
Unrestricted:	497		333		268		338		493		188		102		2,219		
Hispanic/Latino	116	23%	53	16%	68	25%	15	4%	63	13%	37	20%	4	4%	356	16%	
Not Hispanic/Latino	380	76%	273	82%	193	72%	317	94%	413	84%	149	79%	97	95%	1,822	82%	
Unable to Determine ²	1	*	7	2%	5	2%	6	2%	16	3%	2	1%	1	1%	38	2%	
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*	
Total	954		699		640		650		1,007		394		140		4,484		

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

¹ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

² Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her Hispanic origin.

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION: FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08- 6/30/08) ⁽¹⁾

DCF Geographic Region														Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston						
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Restricted:	457		366		372		312		514		206		38		2,265		
Married	263	58%	202	55%	195	52%	165	53%	292	57%	57	28%	15	39%	1,189	52%	
Single	102	22%	89	24%	93	25%	81	26%	118	23%	112	54%	14	37%	609	27%	
Divorced	62	14%	47	13%	43	12%	35	11%	60	12%	20	10%	6	16%	273	12%	
Widowed	14	3%	14	4%	24	6%	16	5%	24	5%	9	4%	2	5%	103	5%	
Separated	13	3%	7	2%	14	4%	11	4%	14	3%	7	3%	1	3%	67	3%	
Unspecified	3	1%	7	2%	3	1%	4	1%	6	1%	1	*	---	---	24	1%	
Unrestricted:	497		333		268		338		493		188		102		2,219		
Married	306	62%	237	71%	167	62%	224	66%	316	64%	55	29%	71	70%	1,376	62%	
Single	95	19%	52	16%	58	22%	75	22%	89	18%	89	47%	25	25%	483	22%	
Divorced	61	12%	34	10%	29	11%	29	9%	63	13%	27	14%	6	6%	249	11%	
Widowed	17	3%	3	1%	8	3%	5	1%	17	3%	7	4%	---	---	57	3%	
Separated	18	4%	7	2%	5	2%	5	1%	8	2%	10	5%	---	---	53	2%	
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	
Total	954		699		640		650		1,007		394		140		4,484		

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 21,458 reports were recorded during the 4th Quarter of FY'2008. Sixty-eight percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Nine percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (4,277) and Southeast (3,273). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 4,670 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 59% in Metro to 72% in Boston. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 75%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DCF Regions screened-in 3-5% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 28% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 8% from the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2008. Regional changes ranged from 6% in Central to 16% in the Northeast. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 4th Quarter of FY'2008 was 12,611.¹ Fifty-eight percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (2,522 and 2,342, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 54% in the Northeast to a high of 62% in Central. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 74% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**
- Statewide, investigations increased 18% from the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2008. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from 15% in the Northeast to 25% in Boston. **(Fig. 21)**

¹ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			Non-Emergency		Emergency		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,625	38%	2,534	59%	118	3%	4,277	20%
Central	847	36%	1,423	60%	94	4%	2,364	11%
Northeast	835	30%	1,827	66%	98	4%	2,760	13%
Metro	928	41%	1,289	57%	64	3%	2,281	11%
Southeast	938	29%	2,183	67%	152	5%	3,273	15%
Boston	514	28%	1,235	68%	66	4%	1,815	8%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,179	25%	2,188	47%	1,303	28%	4,670	22%
Special Investigations	3	17%	15	83%	---	---	18	*
Total	6,869	32%	12,694	59%	1,895	9%	21,458	100%

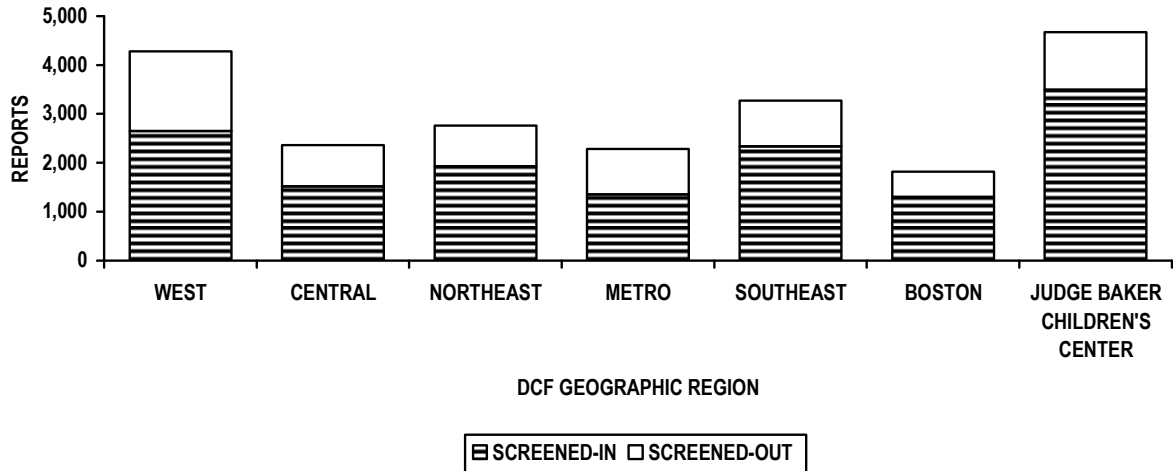
* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION: FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)

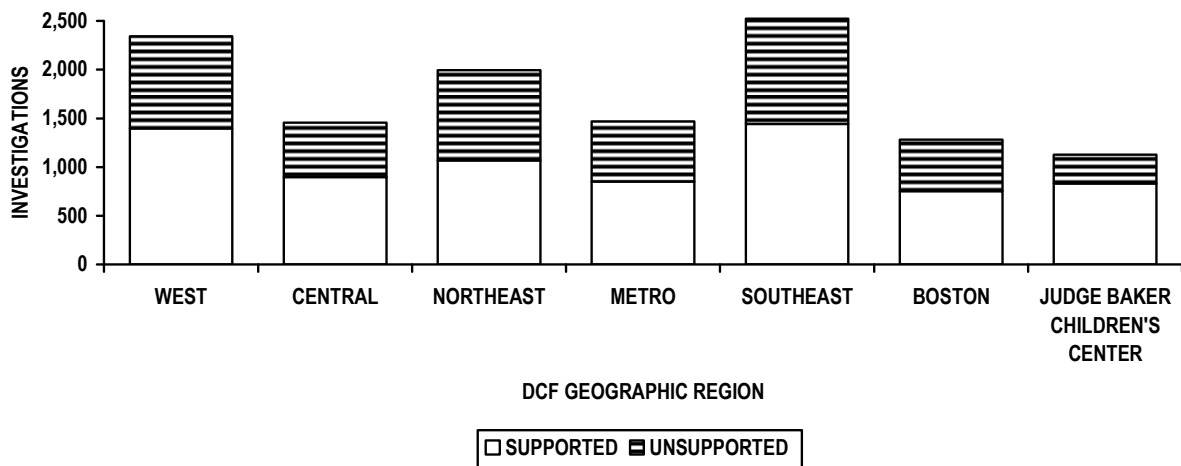
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,398	60%	944	40%	2,342	19%
Central	896	62%	560	38%	1,456	12%
Northeast	1,067	54%	927	46%	1,994	16%
Metro	852	58%	617	42%	1,469	12%
Southeast	1,441	57%	1,081	43%	2,522	20%
Boston	754	59%	527	41%	1,281	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	834	74%	294	26%	1,128	9%
Special Investigations	87	21%	332	79%	419	3%
Total	7,329	58%	5,282	42%	12,611	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

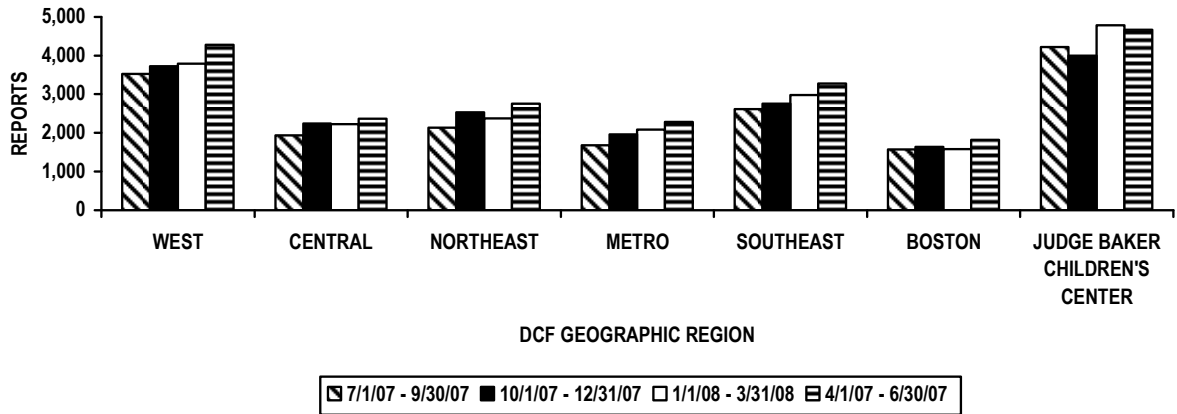
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)**



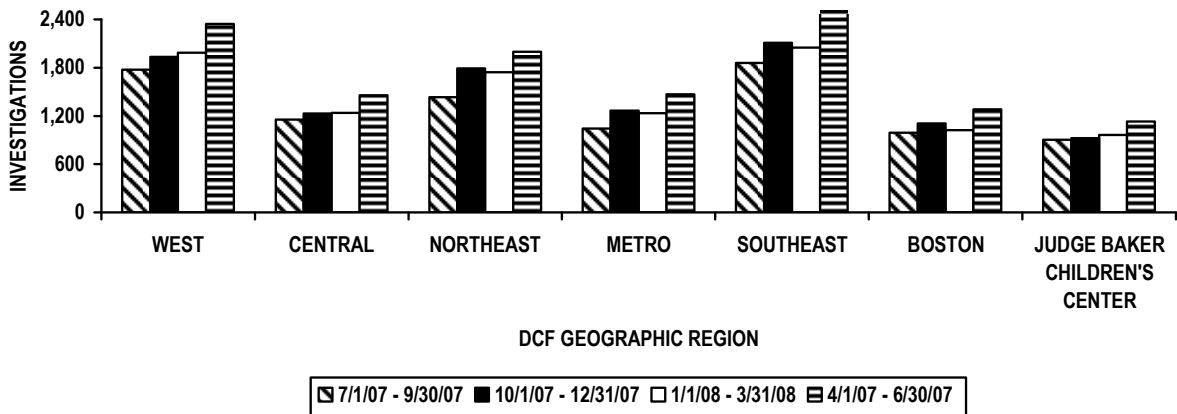
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER)**



- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2008, 1,506 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Fifty-one percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals¹ and 49% were discretionary referrals² (**Fig. 22**). The annual proportion of mandatory referrals has risen the past two fiscal years (See table below).

Case Referrals*

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'03 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'04 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'05 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'06 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'07, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'07, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'07, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185
FY'07, Q4	611	49%	645	51%	1,256
FY'07 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'08, Q1	538	46%	631	54%	1,169
FY'08, Q2	596	50%	595	50%	1,191
FY'08, Q3	656	49%	691	51%	1,347
FY'08, Q4	771	51%	735	49%	1,506
FY'08 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213

- DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

¹ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DCF investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

² There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DCF may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DCF may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 76% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals¹ during the 4th Quarter of FY'2008 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on page 60). Twenty-three percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

Date	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ²		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'07, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'07, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'07, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576
FY'07, Q4	487	78%	129	21%	9	1%	625
FY'08, Q1	443	78%	114	20%	11	2%	568
FY'08, Q2	470	77%	130	21%	11	2%	611
FY'08, Q3	534	79%	127	19%	11	2%	672
FY'08, Q4	602	76%	181	23%	5	1%	788

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

¹ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

² Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**

- Table 16 (on page 60) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Essex, Suffolk, Middlesex, and Worcester. Based on a comparison of county estimates¹ for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected and Berkshire had a higher number of referrals than expected.
- Table 17 (on page 60) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Essex, Worcester, Suffolk, and Middlesex Counties accounted for 62% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 69% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau: 2006 American Community Survey, Data Profile Highlights for Counties in Massachusetts (factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en)

FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

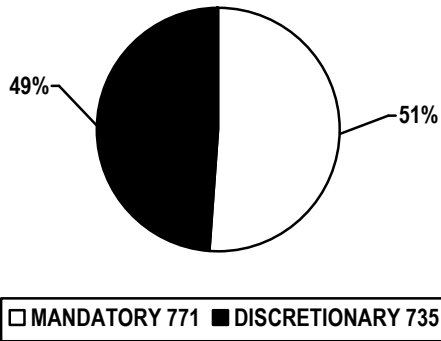
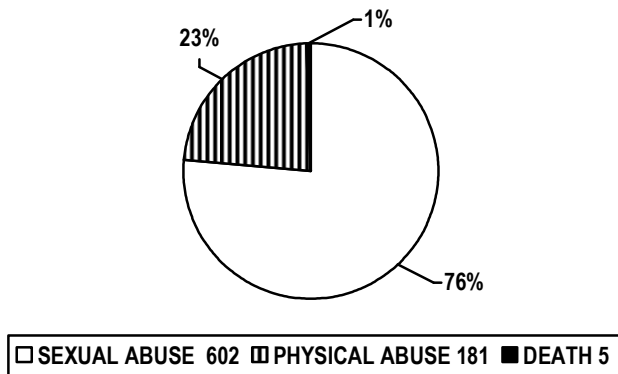


FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	602	76%
Sexual Assault	569	
Sexual Exploitation	33	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	181	23%
.....		
Death:	5	1%
.....		
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	788	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2006 Children Under 18 (estimates)
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	116	40%	171	60%	287	176,236
Suffolk	152	59%	106	41%	258	140,437
Middlesex	119	53%	104	47%	223	323,225
Worcester	85	43%	111	57%	196	188,163
Hampden	69	53%	61	47%	130	111,071
Plymouth	66	72%	26	28%	92	121,754
Berkshire	28	30%	64	70%	92	25,778
Bristol	26	29%	63	71%	89	125,467
Norfolk	47	68%	22	32%	69	150,875
Barnstable	13	57%	6	26%	23	40,209
Franklin	1	7%	22	157%	14	14,445
Hampshire	5	45%	6	55%	11	25,751
Dukes	1	50%	1	---	2	3,398
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	1,828
OUT OF STATE	7	47%	8	53%	15	---
Total	735		771		1,506	

**TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total
	Sexual Assault	Sexual Exploitation	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury	Death	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Essex	125	5	43	---	173
Worcester	94	3	16	---	113
Suffolk	56	5	44	2	107
Middlesex	82	4	21	---	107
Bristol	47	5	13	1	66
Hampden	50	5	8	2	65
Berkshire	54	2	8	---	64
Plymouth	16	1	11	---	28
Norfolk	10	---	12	---	22
Franklin	21	---	1	---	22
Hampshire	4	---	2	---	6
Barnstable	3	1	2	---	6
Dukes	1	---	---	---	1
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	6	2	---	---	8
Total:	569	33	181	5	788

⁽¹⁾ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.